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MDOT changes plans for I-75 Bridge

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Initial protests to a plan to shut down the I-75 Business Loop Bridge at the exit leading into Grayling for an entire month in September has persuaded state transportation officials to delay the work until next year.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials changed their plans to do the bridge reconstruction work in September after attending Grayling City Council and Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce meetings last week. Officials had planned to detour traffic down Four Mile Road, to Military Road and down M-93, bypassing much of the community. Now, the work is slated to be done in May, 2006.

"We know how important our transportation system is to local economic activity and we want to do everything we can to work with the local business community," said Bob Felt, a spokesperson for the MDOT.

Chamber of Commerce officials polled its members last week, and found that May was the better month to close the

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MICHIGAN CUP MARATHON



Photos courtesy of Hanson Hills

Ninety-seven skiers took part in the Michigan Cup Marathon cross-country ski race held at Hanson Hills on Saturday. The race was initially slated for January 8, but was rescheduled due to a lack of snow. (Left) Andrew Triebold of Spring Arbor edged out Cliff Onthank of Traverse City for the 2005 Michigan Cup Marathon Title.

League champs prepare for play-offs

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School – league champions in the Lake Michigan Conference this year – will begin their post-season run with a District #63 boys basketball tournament game against the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon High School on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets for the contest are available at the GHS office for \$5 apiece.

The Vikings have a 12-1 league record in the Lake Michigan Conference (with one league contest to go) and have clinched the top spot in the conference. Grayling has a 16-2 overall record, with an 8-0 record at home this season.

GHS has won 10 games in a row, starting with a victory over East Jordan in Grayling on January 14.

"Districts are going to be tough, it's going to be a dog fight," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We need to refocus and start preparing. We've got to take it one game at a time. We've got to bring it every single night, especially defensively."

If Grayling wins its round one district game against

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OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is exploring options to keep officers in the schools while preparing to put the road patrol back on the midnight shift in October.

Wakefield told Crawford County Commissioners last week that Randy Herman was recently promoted to be a sergeant because he will oversee the midnight shift when the road patrol begins Oct. 1.

Herman, who is currently the school resource officer at the Grayling Middle School, is going through training to be a command officer and is managing the other school liaison officers.

"I don't want to be behind the eight ball and come October 1, have nobody know what's going on," Wakefield said.

Crawford County voters in November overwhelmingly approved a .90 mill millage for five years to restore the midnight road patrol. The tax levy is earmarked to pay the salaries for four deputies and one patrol car per year for five years.

Wakefield said he plans to put the three school liaison officers on the road patrol since the federal COPS in School grants which fund the positions runs



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Sgt. Randy Herman, who is currently the school resource officer at the Grayling Middle School, will be the command officer when the midnight patrol begins on Oct. 1.

out in September. He is considering hiring Ryan Swope, who is working as the snowmobile and marine patrol officer, to fill the fourth position.

Wakefield is scheduled to meet with Crawford AuSable

School District officials to determine if a funding agreement can be reached to keep one or more officers in the school.

He is committed to offering the D.A.R.E. and Junior

Deputy programs in the schools.

"I will continue with those programs even if I have to do them myself," Wakefield said.

Wakefield told county commissioners that the high school

liaison officer handled over 1,000 complaints last year, while about 200 complaints each were handled at the Grayling Middle School and Grayling Elementary School.

The nature of complaints at the high school include truancy, assaults, disorderly students and traffic violations. The middle school officer deals primarily with truancy and disorderly students.

The elementary officer primarily addresses disorderly students and disruptive parents, Wakefield said.

"One officer can't do the job in all of the schools," Wakefield said.

Wakefield said the county board may be asked to come to the table to help fund the officers.

"If we can work something out with the schools and you folks – that's fine," Wakefield said. "That's a manpower issue that I have to deal with."

Mike Dunkel, the business and finance director for Crawford AuSable School District, said Superintendent Milli Haug would handle financial negotiations for the district.

"We have just started on this, so there's nothing concrete," he said. "We're just in the idea stage."

Economic director interviews slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership Board will interview a half of a dozen candidates who have applied to serve as director of the organization this week.

The economic board, which is made up of county, city, township, business and Mercy Hospital-Grayling officials, planned to conduct interviews for the director's job on Wednesday and Friday.

Crawford County Controller Paul Compo, who is heading up a search committee, said 43 people applied for the job.

Four of the finalists live in the state with two of those candidates being based in northern Michigan, Compo said. One of the applicants is from New Jersey and the other out of state candidate is from Iowa.

"There is a wide range of abilities we have to choose from, some with economic development experience and some without economic development experience," Compo said.

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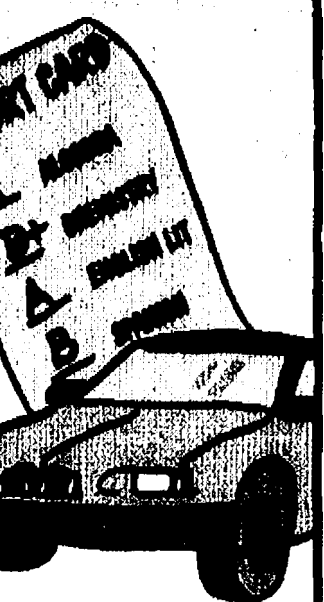
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Pathway ordinance remains at status quo

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Lack of snow persuaded county officials to keep plans to adopt an ordinance to keep snowmobiles off the paved pathway system on the shelf last week.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners briefly discussed the pathway ordinance at their regular meeting.

Commissioner Scott Hanson toured the trail system with Wayne Koppa, chairman of the Crawford County Pathway Committee, and said there has just been a few problems with sleds being on the paved trails this season. Hanson recommended the board hold off on addressing the ordinance since a committee formed to work on the plan has not had any recent meetings.

"There have been no big

problems, but we've only had one good weekend of snowmobiling," Hanson said.

In December, the county board approved a sign and barriers plan to protect the trail, but stopped short of adopting an ordinance which would allow police to issue tickets for being on the pathway. The proposed fine for riding on the trail is \$75 for a first offense and \$150 for a second offense.

The Crawford County Pathway Committee is seeking to protect the \$1.3 million of asphalt funding through Michigan Department of Transportation grants which goes from the Grayling Army Airfield out to Hartwick Mines.

Snowmobilers are not seeking to ride on the paved trail, but a designated trail where sleds were allowed to travel north and south along the I-75

Business Loop was located where the trail was paved.

Koppa said there has been 33 snow fences erected this year to deter snowmobiles from traveling on the trail. Koppa said he would still like to see an ordinance on the books since he believes there is ample room for snowmobiles to travel on adjacent to the trail.

"The core issue is there is this impression that there is an access problem, but we shouldn't have to put up all this snow fence if there is no problem getting snowmobiles up and down the road," Koppa said.

County Commission Shelley Pinkelman said existing laws should be used to keep sleds off the paved trails.

"Let our sheriff do his job," Pinkelman said. "We don't need an ordinance at this time."

Rich Filley, president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, said he hopes to present a plan to Department of Natural Resources officials in the next couple of months which would designate a specific area for sleds.

"That's our only chance of resolving this issue and working with an ordinance," Filley said.

Hotel and business owners along the pathway hope to come to consensus on the trails use issue so that a plan can be developed that would meet everybody's interest.

"We are all suffering big time from mother nature not giving us any snow that trickles down the entire Business community," said Keith Miles, co-owner of Fay's Motel and a Grayling Visitors Bureau Board member.

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main artery into the business community.

Doug Meroney, co-owner of Fannie Finn's and manager for the Grayling Uptown District Association, canvassed 17 downtown businesses and found that 13 business owners said May would be the best time to close the bridge, two said it did not matter what month the bridge was closed and two said September was the preferable month.

"It was nice to see that MDOT was willing to listen to the community and the needs of the business owners," Meroney said. "I'm still not pleased that they're going to close down the bridge for one month and think they need to come up with better options to detour the traffic."

Hilary Owen, the development engineer for MDOT's Grayling Transportation Service Center, said officials had met with some city and emergency personnel officials and were lead to believe that September was the best month to close the bridge. Owen said the bridge would be rendered useless if it was not fixed in the next 10 years.

Owen said rescheduling the work will simply entail advertising for bids from contractors at a later date.

"There is not enough time to get a contractor on board to get the work done this season," Owen said.

The bridge work will start next year and will be completed by Memorial Day, Owen said.

Dean Smith, the general manager for Holiday Inn-Grayling, said he was pleased that MDOT

officials were sympathetic to the needs of the community.

Smith said that senior citizens, families, golfers and people taking coloring tours are still coming to Grayling in September.

"We do double the business we do in September than we do in May," Smith said. "I sure didn't want it closed in September."

Debbie Spencer, a bartender waitress at Patti's Towne House, said the weather is the main factor for business.

"If it's nice there are fishermen, golfers and mushroom pickers coming up in May," Spencer said. "I think May would be the slower time. In September, we're just coming off of summer and they're still people coming up."

Misty Ankney, the general manager at Day's Inn, said she was pleased that businesses were given a chance to plan for the closure.

"I'm very pleased that they were so accommodating," Ankney said.

Tim Zigala, president of Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber plans to form a committee to work on a sign plan to inform travelers of business amenities and emergency services when the traffic is detoured.

"We're going to do our best to ease the pain," Zigala said. "We need to get people around and help them get to where they need to go safely."

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the city plans to have streetscape projects on Michigan Avenue and on Burton Court completed in conjunction with the bridge closure next year.

Economic director interviews slated

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The economic board plans to go through the interview and reference check process to get a better feel for the candidates, but is also prepared to go back to the drawing board if the ideal director can not be found.

"We are not in a position to settle with somebody that we're not excited about," Compo said.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, the Grayling Township Board and the Grayling City Council have each pledged \$10,000 per year for three years to fund the economic development director's position. Mercy Hospital and other busi-

ness and organizations have also financially supported the economic development initiative.

The director would be charged with helping develop the city's industrial park, Grayling Township's 1,850 acre industrial park and would also play a major role to help revitalize the downtown business district.

"We are looking to get the best director that we can possibly get into the area, we're really excited and looking forward to putting somebody on board real soon," said Kay Cosgray, chairwoman of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership Board.

League champs prepare for play-offs

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Roscommon, the Vikings will play Kalkaska in the semi-finals at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. The district championship game will be played on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

Last year's team won a district championship and made it to the regional finals. This year's squad has five players who played on 2004's regional finalist team.

For more on the Vikings, see "March Madness 2005" on Pages 1-4B.

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NUGENT'S GUITAR ROCKS UNITED WAY CARE NIGHT



Photo by Josh Greenberg
Terri and John Lasby of Grayling emerged victorious in their bidding battle for Ted Nugent's autographed guitar. The guitar was auctioned off at the CARE Night event, which was held on Saturday, February 12. The Lasby's \$1,575 bid will be split between Nugent's "Kamp for Kids" and the Crawford County United Way. In total, CARE Night raised over \$10,000, which puts the Crawford County United Way over 80% toward their year end goal.

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Elmwood Cemetery to be expanded

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Elmwood Cemetery, which is operated by the City of Grayling and Grayling Township, will be expanded this year.

An amendment to the operating agreement for the cemetery made the expansion possible.

The city and township had about \$500,000 in an account to provide perpetual care at the cemetery, and auditors advised city and township officials that only about half of the funds would be needed to maintain cemetery grounds, Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said.

There are currently about 200 grave sites available for burial in the cemetery, said Steve Doyle,

the cemetery sexton for the Elmwood Cemetery.

About 50 to 60 people are buried in the cemetery per year, Doyle said.

The first phase of the expansion, which is about one and a half acres, will make about 720 grave sites available, Doyle said.

The expansion should serve the community's needs for the next 15 years.

"It's a service that you don't think about when you're young, but it's one that everyone definitely uses," Doyle said.

The city and township purchased just over six acres for the cemetery in 1981.

City engineers are currently reviewing bids for the expansion, which will include the installa-



Photo by Dan Sanderson
The first phase of the Elmwood Cemetery expansion, which is about one and a half acres, will make about 720 grave sites available.

tion of a sprinkling system and pole barn for storage.

Board 'optimistic' about Beaver Creek Library

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

The "ball" is in Beaver Creek Township's court, after what members of the Library Board described as a "positive" meeting at the Beaver Creek Township Board meeting on Tuesday, February 14.

A Working Interim Agreement between the Library Board and the Township of Beaver Creek concerning the Beaver Creek Branch Library was presented by Branch Library Committee member James Smith.

"Everything I saw was on the positive side," Smith said.

There have been some clashes between Beaver Creek Township and the Library Board in the past over the Beaver Creek Library, which is, by all accounts, rarely used.

In December of 2004, for instance, only one resident checked out books at Beaver Creek.

That same month, 26 Beaver Creek residents checked out books at the Devereaux Memorial Library.

However, members of the Library Board are adamant that they want to form a partnership

with Beaver Creek to move forward.

The proposed agreement comes with some changes, one being the introduction of a SIRSI checkout system. Currently, library members can self-check-out books at Beaver Creek. According to Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, this is unacceptable for a couple reasons. One significant reason is that the self check-out made it much more difficult to accumulate data on what potential changes needed to be made to the library to suit its patrons.

Another problem cited is that the Beaver Creek Library, located at 8888 South Grayling Road, has no sign out front and no book drop, two facts which Board member Cheryl Ruley finds depressing.

"I think the branch library could be more important if it was made more available," she said.

The new agreement would provide the Beaver Creek Library with 20 hours of trained personnel each week to operate the library. In addition, the proposed hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 9 am to 2 pm.

Ruley said the new hours are important:

"We really want to see if we can increase their numbers. We did request Saturday hours."

Other key points in the proposed one year agreement include: the improvement of current collection and furnishings at the library within the 2004-2005 budget, Inter-Library Loans through the Northland Cooperative, which would allow library patrons to order in books not on the shelves. Furthermore, the Library Board would provide supervision of the library, employees, volunteers and acquisitions.

The Agreement calls for the Township of Beaver Creek to provide adequate property insurance coverage for the library and its contents, and to actively promote usage of the library to Beaver Creek residents.

"The purpose of this contract is to provide a foundation for a joint effort to foster continual improvement to the service for Beaver Creek citizens. We are interested in a partnership," said Smith.

Beaver Creek Board Member Sharon Hartman said that the

matter would be voted on at the next Beaver Creek meeting on March 14.

"I have no reason to see any problems with the agreement. The library is important to me. Very, very much so," Hartman said.

Smith and Ruley agree that the Beaver Creek Library is an important part of the Crawford County Libraries.

"A library is supposed to be a cultural focal point for the community," Smith said.

Ruley said that she does not know what the Board will do next if the Agreement is rejected by the Beaver Creek township.

Cable firm to offer Internet service

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Board last week extended a contract with a cable company which will open up quicker access to the World Wide Web for township residents.

The board agreed to extend a 15-year franchise agreement with Parish Communications of Bay City, a company which currently provides cable television in Grayling Township.

The company's existing fran-

chise agreement does not run out until June, 2006. Township officials opted to extend the contract for another 15 years due to a major investment Parish Communications is planning.

"I would not delay this any longer if this is just a housekeeping matter," said Grayling Township Trustee Dennis Long.

Floyd Grocholski, general manager for Parish Communication, said the firm is installing new technology which will offer high speed Internet.

Eventually, the equipment will allow customers to access pay-per-view and digital programs.

"Our first go at this is to get the Internet going because we have really had lot of requests for that in our service area," Grocholski said.

Parish Communication plans to have the new equipment and Internet services up and running in June.

Eventually, the firm hopes to offer digital telephone services to customers, Grocholski said.

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Correction

In the February 17, 2005 Avalanche, Grayling Middle School Honor Roll for 8th grade, marking period 2, Hannah Smith was inadvertently omitted.

ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Lists of 'Greats' need perspective of time

JUST IN TIME for Presidents' Day this year appeared a couple of national polls seeking to rank the greatness of our 43 presidents.

Washington College in Chestertown, Md., authorized a poll of 800 adults, and CNN-USA Today-Gallup asked 1,008 adults about their choices for greatest president.

The Washington College poll found 20 percent named Abraham Lincoln as our greatest president, followed closely by Ronald Reagan with 15 percent, Franklin D. Roosevelt with 12 percent, John F. Kennedy with 11 percent, Bill Clinton at 10 percent, George W. Bush at 8 percent, and George Washington with 6 percent.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll raised my eyebrows even higher. Ronald Reagan was on top with 20 percent, followed by

Bill Clinton and Abraham Lincoln in the mid-teens, and then Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy at 12 percent.

My reaction can be summed up in a single word: Rubbish.

AT LEAST TWO important ingredients are missing in these polls, and apparently in the minds and hearts of many Americans when rankings of "best" or "greatest" are attempted: Historical perspective, and proper appreciation of the importance of our history. High rankings for recent presidents emphasize these failings.

For either President Clinton or President George W. Bush — whose two term tenure in the White House is barely half over — to score higher on a "greatness" scale than Presidents George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt or Thomas Jefferson is ridiculous.

Mr. Bush may turn out to be a great president, but such a judgment cannot be made realistically, nor can the "greatness" of Mr. Clinton or even Mr. Reagan be properly measured yet. Historic perspective is lacking.

Americans seem to blank out almost everything that happened in the world before they reached adulthood. They consider history to have begun when they were born. It may seem that way to each of us, but it is not true.

To cite an old bromide often heard at retirement parties or graduation ceremonies, we all stand on the shoulders of those who came before. That is true.

The greatness of presidents of the most recent 75 years or so must await judgment from history, and not from those who voted for them.

FAVORING EVENTS that occur in our own time, apparent in these presidential rankings, works just the opposite for me. I tend to rate more highly people and events which came before my personal experience.

My life has spanned 14 of our 34 presidents so far, starting with Calvin Coolidge, then Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt. I don't really count Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover as "my" presidents, because both were out of office before I was out of first grade. I do, however, remember President Roosevelt's presidency quite well.

The first president for whom I could have voted was Harry Truman, but I probably didn't. I don't remember my first presidential vote, but I presume in 1948 I voted for Thomas E. Dewey because he was from Michigan.

There followed Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and finally George W. Bush.

OF THESE 14, I rank only Franklin Roosevelt as a "great" president. During his time, our nation faced tremendous problems, both at home and abroad. He guided us through the great depression, World War II, and on into global leadership. Many people disagreed with him along the way, but he deserves greatness, in my opinion.

Crisis seems to breed greatness, so also among my top four, I agree with the monument makers. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson against all odds guided our fledgling nation into existence. They nurtured a

fragile coalition of freedom lovers into permanence, and established the basic tenets for our new nation and the presidency itself.

When the nation threatened to crack in two, Abraham Lincoln maintained our unity, first by armed might and then by a dedication to new and lasting national principles.

Even as time passes, and history can more properly judge our more recent presidents, I don't expect my personal choice of our top four great presidents will change.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Continue to support our troops and families

To the editor:

A lot of people have asked about the award presentation speech Todd Hernandez gave during half-time at the Grayling varsity game. He wrote it in gratitude to the staff of the central administrative office of the Crawford AuSable School District, for supporting the 745th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit during the war. The excerpt that follows is for everyone who supported them in this community...

"When soldiers are deployed, they are issued weapons to combat their enemies and fight battles, but there are some battles we soldiers fight in which the weapons we are issued can't be used. Those battles are against loneliness, home sickness, fear, and the question of whether or not, the risks we take, or the sacrifices we make are worth the effort.

effort.

The weapons we use to fight these battles come from our loved ones who are waiting for our safe return, and the caring people, young and old, of communities like this one. Cards and letters of encouragement, patriotic drawings from school children and care packages put together by loving hands keep us mentally strong and give us a sense of purpose to get the job done. In a sense it is all of you who are our last line of defense.

And so I urge each and every one of you, if you know someone who is now fighting, or their families, send them a note, make a phone call or just say a prayer. Continue to give your support and encouragement."

Written by Todd Hernandez.

Kellie Kitchen
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words. Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published. All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows. Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

GHS wrestlers need a place to practice

To the editor:

Grayling varsity wrestlers continue in their search for an adequate practice facility. Presently practice is held at the middle school, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., sandwiched between middle school practice, 3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m., and elementary school practice starting at 6 p.m. The delay between the time the high school is out at 3:30 and practice starts at 4:30 presents transportation problems as well as idle, hang around time which may create other types of problems.

In all, nearly 100 wrestlers each day participate in a facility where they must share locker rooms with all middle school students, as well as visiting athletes, and others of both sexes. There have been incidents where students or parents have walked into a locker room expecting to see girls and found a room full of naked boys and vice-versa.

The sanitation problem created by so many students using these cramped spaces becomes very real. All the middle school lockers are in use and our wrestlers have no lockers available. Therefore, all clothing, back packs, school supplies, and gear winds up on a sometimes very wet floor. There are times when when wrestlers age 9 to 18 are using the same locker room at the same time. Cleanliness is absolutely essential to wrestlers as their sport demands close physical contact. The conditions in these locker rooms are not conducive to cleanliness or acceptable health standards. It must be mentioned that facilities at the middle school are intended for their students, not the high school student.

There have been some proposed solutions. Traditionally the varsity wrestlers have practiced in the high school cafeteria where there was close access to a locker room where lockers and facilities for cleanliness are available. Our varsity wrestlers are no longer welcome in the cafeteria. The reasons they are no longer welcome are very vague. It has been stated that the wrestling mats are too heavy for the new floor and the equipment used to move the mats may break the floor. If these are the reasons, someone totally unqualified to do so is making these decisions. Maybe there are other reasons unstated. For example, fear that the wrestlers may bleed or fear that the activity may make the cafeteria smell badly.

The school board considered the cafeteria problem and put it in the hands of the school administrators who have provided no sensible reason why our wrestlers should not be able to use an area which should be available to them.

Since wrestling became a varsity sport in Grayling in 1972, there have been five State Champions and 23 State Medalists. In comparison to other schools this is a remarkable achievement. What other Grayling varsity sport has received such accolades? The wrestling program is highly respected and considered top notch by wrestling coaches across the state. As they know we travel long distances every Saturday to find the toughest competition. On a recent Saturday nearly a hundred Grayling wrestlers competed in tournaments in Sault Ste Marie, Gaylord and Grayling earning over 40 medals.

The wrestling program largely supports itself through fundraisers which includes food sales on the day of the canoe marathon and wreath sales during the Christmas season. It is estimated these programs supply 80% of funds required for uniforms, warm-ups, motel expenses, food and other miscellaneous expenses. The school provides bus transportation and tournament entry fees.

It is time to stop treating our varsity wrestlers as second class athletes. Our wrestlers train and practice harder than any other athletes. Wrestling demands absolute commitment to training and practice; qualities found in only a few.

Perhaps priorities should be reviewed when a school spends in excess of two million dollars to improve acoustics in our auditorium and can't find a place for these young wrestlers who have brought so much honor to our wrestling program and school.

Bill Rosecrans
Frederic

Reader shares history of meetings concerning boathouse construction

To the editor:

I have attended all of the ZBA meetings at which the contested boathouse construction (see for example the front pages of the December 30, 2004 and February 17, 2005 issues of the Avalanche) has been discussed and would like to present a history of meetings as far as the boathouse is concerned.

In October 2003 the owners applied for a variance to construct a building to replace the falling down boathouse. The proposed building was much larger than the boathouse it was

to replace and did not include a boatwell. The only place for a boat was a proposed boat slip on the outside of the building. The proposed building, unlike the original boathouse, also was to have windows.

By a two to two tie vote, the ZBA did not approve the variance. Since the rules governing actions by the ZBA allow for reconsideration when the whole board is not present, the owners asked for and were granted a rehearing planned for November.

The owners did not show up for the November meeting and it

was then extended to a December meeting.

At the December meeting the owners presented a vastly modified plan for approval. It was approximately the size of the old boathouse and included a boatwell. The ZBA unanimously turned down the request for a variance.

In the fall of 2004 a township building permit was issued to build the boathouse. This was issued because the township supervisor felt that a new Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted in January 2004, removed the townships authority over structures built entirely in the river. This authority was then solely in the hands of the DEQ which had previously granted a variance to rebuild the boathouse. Some of

the ZBA members were upset that they had not been notified of this change and they expressed their displeasure at a ZBA meeting held in January 2005.

The new boathouse did not originally have a boatwell, and since this meant it did not have the same footprint as the original one, there were some complaints that it did not comply with permit requirements, but it seems that one has now been cut.

Also some ZBA members insisted that part of the original boathouse was over land and as such it should be under the townships authority if it was required to be rebuilt in the same place as the original.

Terrell Warrington
Grayling

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Grief and loss educational session to be held

Mercy Amicare and Hospice will be sponsoring a Grief and Loss educational session on March 9, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mio. The group will discuss grief and ways to cope with the loss of a loved one. Mary Beth Brady, Spiritual Care/Bereavement Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Hospice will provide information and facilitate the group. There is no charge to attend and refreshments will be served. For more information or to register call 1-800-424-1457 ext. 8-0035 or 989-348-0035 by leaving a message.

Benefit spaghetti dinner to be held

A benefit spaghetti dinner for the family of Amanda McCellan, kidney transplant patient and her father who is the kidney donor, will be held on February 26, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the AuSable Primary School. Donations will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Sheriff's administration office to close for training

The administration portion of the Crawford County Sheriff's office will be closed Wednesday, March 2, due to in-service training and will reopen on Thursday, March 3 at 8 a.m.

Historical society to meet March 1st

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m. at Grayling City Hall. Meetings are open to members and the general public. Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, February through November.

State Employee Retiree's Association to meet

Regular meetings of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retiree's Association, will resume on Tuesday, March 1, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited to attend.

Free seminar on depression to be held

The Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M-72 West, across from the Comfort Center, will be hosting a free seminar on "Understanding Depression." Christian Counselor, Byron Hosmer from Suttons Bay, will be sharing information on this topic on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. to noon. Community Mental Health will also be there to provide information on what help is available locally.

Free hearing and vision tests offered for kids

Free hearing and vision screening offered by the District Health Department #10 for kids ages three years to 18 years old will be held on Friday, February 25 at the Grayling Headstart building on Old 27 North. Appointments are required by calling the Crawford County Health Department at 348-7800.

Book fair to be held at elementary school

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the AuSable Primary School Media Center, Monday, February 28, through Friday, March 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The media center will be set up like a bookstore for your book shopping pleasure. Proceeds are shared between the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School Media Centers.

Friends of libraries to meet at different time

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries will be held on February 28, at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Library in Grayling. This will be an opportunity to meet the new officers and help plan upcoming events to raise funds to support library activities. The meeting is open to the public.

National Wild Turkey Federation chapter hosts fundraiser banquet

The Beaver Creek Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) will be hosting a Hunting Super Fund Auction and Dinner on March 12 at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Ticket cost for this event is \$50 for a single or \$70 for a couple.

All ticket holders will be eligible to win valuable prizes exclusive to NWTF events. Place the highest bid and you could go home with sporting art, hunting guns, knives, calls, outdoor equipment and more.

Your membership will help NWTF support wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands and preserve hunting as a traditional North American sport.

Since the NWTF was founded 32 years ago, more than \$193

million NWTF and cooperator dollars have been spent on more than 29,000 projects benefiting wild turkeys throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The work of NWTF's dedicated volunteers and supporters is paying off. In 1973, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Today, there are more than 6.5 million wild turkeys and approximately 2.6 million turkey hunters.

If you want to join the nation's fastest growing and most progressive single species conservation organization today, reserve your ticket by calling Brian Brown at 989-275-1426 or Dennis Ryan at 989-348-8338. For more information log on to our web site at www.nwtf.org or e-mail us at nwtf@nwtf.net.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for February 20 - of \$25 each: Ray Pyle, Bill Holton and Diana Doremire.

Grayling Lions Club

The Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle winner of \$100 for week seven is Susan Medler of Cheboygan.

Celtic music legends to perform at KCC

Boys of the Lough, the first of the full-time professional Celtic ensembles to arise on the international scene, now occupy a unique position of respect in the world of traditional music. They have completed over 50 tours of North America and celebrate over 30 years as a band.

The Boys have established a reputation for technical brilliance and integrity in their performance of Irish and Scottish music. A ready wit and sense of fun enliven their onstage performance while their original arrangements and dynamic interactions between the two major strands of the Celtic tradition keep the music always bright and fresh.

Since their first tour in 1967, the Boys have traveled extensively in their mission to gain a wider audience for traditional music. Their warm and vital performances have won them friends from the village hall of Scotland and Ireland to international concert and festival stages.

The music of the Boys of the Lough ranges widely through the instrumental and vocal traditions of Ireland, Scotland, Shetland and North America.

Although sometimes melodically complex and difficult to play, the music remains at all times easily accessible to the listener through the compelling dance rhythms which give it such

life. Contrast this with evocative slow airs and beautiful structured songs, some in the Irish language.

Add the range of tone colors available from the band's acoustic instruments and it is easy to see the great appeal of their lively performances.

The Boys of the Lough concert is on Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Kirtland Community College.

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at 989-275-6777 or order your tickets on line at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Kirtland to host poet for reading series

The English and Fine Arts Departments of Kirtland Community College will welcome poet Dennis Hinrichsen as part of its Controlled Burn Reading Series on Wednesday, Feb. 23. He will read from his work at 4 p.m. in the Kirtland House on the KCC campus.

Hinrichsen, who teaches creative writing at Lansing Community College, is the author of several collections of poems and, in 1999, won the Akron Poetry Prize for his collection of poetry, "Detail From the Garden of Earthly Delights." His most recent publications

include a chapbook titled "Message to Be Spoken into the Left Ear of God" and a full-length collection of poetry titled "Cage of Water."

After earning his undergraduate degree in English and creative writing from Western Michigan University, Hinrichsen earned a master's in fine arts and creative writing from the University of Iowa. He has been teaching at LCC for about 20 years and is widely published.

Along with co-editor Gerry LaFemina, who is a former Kirtland instructor and fellow poet, Hinrichsen recently began

producing a review of contemporary poetry called "Review Revue."

Hinrichsen's appearance at Kirtland is free and open to the public. The reading is followed by a question-and-answer session, a reception and a book signing.

For more information on Hinrichsen or Kirtland's Controlled Burn Reading Series, call series coordinator Dan Crocker at 989-275-5000, Ext. 376.

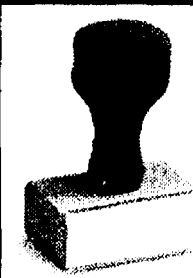
Red Cross announces January blood drive donors

The Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive held on January 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall had 27 donors. One gallon donors were John McNamara and Jill Grudgen. Three gallons donor was Richard Mansfield and five gallons donor was Marilyn Nueberger.

On January 5 at the American Legion Hall sponsored by M.A.T.E.S. there were 84 donors. Eight first time donors were: Cheryl Alef, Ryan Bauer, Kimberly Brooks, Jessica Golnick, Sharon Johnson, James Manley, Gary Psenicko and Jason Strohpaal. One gallon donors were Ann Donajauski and Nicholson Makowski; two gallons donor, Thomas Drouillard and four gallons donor, Timothy Gildner.

The next blood drives will be: March 2, at Grayling High School, 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.;

March 3, at Frederic Township Hall Annex, noon to 5:45 p.m.; and March 7, at Hard Bodyz, Grayling, 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.



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The Bible Speaks

Sodomite Lies

According to a January 26, 2005 World Net Daily report, the recent Illinois law forcing the hiring of gays, by all groups including churches was a top legislative priority of the state chapter of the ACLU. This amendment to the Illinois Human Rights Act signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich "allows no exemptions for people or institutions with religious convictions against sodomy, cross-dressing, adultery, sex changes, pornography, incest, group sex or even bestiality."

The nature of the arguments being used to defend their action is clear from this paragraph quoted by WND: "This legislation sends a clear message that we will not allow our citizens to be discriminated against," Blagojevich said in a statement. "What we're doing today is older than scripture: Love thy neighbor," the governor told the audience yesterday, according to the Associated Press. "It's what Jesus said when he gave his Sermon on the Mount: 'Do unto others what you would have others do unto you.'"

Without shame the governor publicly defends the sin of sodomy in the name of Jesus Christ. "Love thy neighbor" is not older than

scripture as stated by the governor. Jesus Christ was quoting Leviticus 19:18 which was written thousands of years earlier than the sermon on the mount: "18Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD." Second, the golden rule does not go against or negate the ten commandments God gave to Israel as their standard for civil law in government. All sex outside of marriage is condemned by Holy Scripture as a sin against a holy God, against others involved, and against our own bodies.

God's words in 2 Corinthians 11:13-5 seem to best sum up the matter: "13For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

God warns us throughout scripture not to be deceived. Only false gods and religions promote sodomy and sex outside of marriage. (Deut. 11:16). Serving such gods is vanity which brings painful

rewards. "31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompense." (Joh 15:31). "33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." (1 Cor. 15:33). "7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal 6:7).

No matter how legal sodomite arguments may become, these lies of Satan stand condemned by the clear words of God: "9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor. 6:9, 10). Beware of those who use the name of Jesus to deny His very words. "8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them." (Luke 21:8) Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES



Cheryl Ann Mott

May 13, 1962 - Feb. 18, 2005
Cheryl Ann Mott, 42, of Traverse City, passed away on February 18, 2005, thus ending a courageous 19-year battle with cancer.

Cheryl was born in Grayling on May 13, 1962, the daughter of Judith M. Trailer and Larry L. and JoAnn Yoder. She was a 1980 graduate of Grayling High School. On January 9, 1982 she married James Barton "Jim" Mott in Grayling.

She worked as a nursing home aide and as a day-care operator when her illness permitted. The family moved to Traverse City in 1994.

A devoted hockey fan, Cheryl never let her illness interfere with cheering her son, Ryan, 17, and his Titan and Trojan team-mates. Despite her pain, Cheryl seldom missed a home game and attended as many away games as she could. Local hockey fans will miss her cheerful presence at Howe Arena, bundled up in school colors in her wheelchair, down by the glass. The love and support of her husband and children, and her mother, Judith M. Trailer, more than any surgery or medicine, extended Cheryl's life for such a remarkably long time.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; sons, Gary and Ryan; daughter, Chelsea, all of Traverse City; her parents; her sisters: Pati Trudgeon and Jackie (Gary) Sheldon of Grayling and Jody (Shawen) Nelson of Bear Lake; brothers, Brian (Robin) Yoder of Alabama and Chip (Kelly) Waite of Colorado; grandmother, Betty Merrill of Arkansas; grandfather, Tom Trailer and his wife, Marilyn of Traverse City; step-siblings, Beth (Joe) Zott of Muskegon, Shelly Machuleis of Lansing and Brad (Toye) Trenary of Grayling; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday, February 23, 2005, 3 p.m., at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City, followed by the funeral service at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Cheryl Ann Mott Memorial Fund, which is being established to benefit her family, in care of her husband, Jim Mott.

Gabriel A. Phillips

Aug. 10, 1920 - Feb. 18, 2005

Gabriel A. Phillips, 84, passed away on February 18, 2005 at his home.

Gabriel was born in St. Omer Quebec Canada on August 10, 1920 to the late Maurice and Clementine (Caissie) Philippe.

He retired as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch and a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. He enjoyed playing his violin.

He is survived by his wife Viola; two children, Norman (Doris) Phillips of Nova Scotia, and Loretta Phillips and Tim Minnick of Grayling; eight grandchildren: Julia, Michelle, Christa, Cassandra, Jamie, Tamara, Shelly and Jenny; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers and five sisters.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date. Those considering an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Helping Hands, West Branch.

Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Mid-Michigan.

In memory of

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February 27, 1996

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He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

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He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw that the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.

So, He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

Sadly missed by wife Sharon; daughter Amy; sons Kevin, Michael and Todd; grandchildren and family. We love you.

In memory of

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why.

Family and friends of
Thomas C. Fishell
February 24, 2004

LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library
Up coming programs to be offered at the Devereaux Library are:

Using the Library Computers: An introduction to using the internet at the library, Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Participants will be shown the basics for using the public computers at the Devereaux Library. This will include using Microsoft Word, Adobe Reader, Internet Browsers, Internet Search Engines, and how to cut and paste documents. Space is limited to ten people, and it is first come, first serve. Please sign-up at the Devereaux library.

On Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m., join in discussing the book *The Shunning* by Beverly Lewis. The Shunning takes place in the quiet Amish community of Hickory Hollow, Pennsylvania. It is the story of Katie Lapp, a young Amish woman preparing for her wedding. On the eve of her wedding Katie discovers a family secret. Will the secret destroy the only life she has ever known? Join the discussion and you'll find out. Sign-up at the Devereaux Library and get your copy. Space is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March.

Immunization clinics: March 2 and 16, by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: March 1, 15 and 22. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointments.

WIC Clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: March 2, 10, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, and 29. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839/Health Education.

Flu clinics: Please call your local Health Department for clinic information.

Breast and cervical cancer Screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled March 8 in Grayling. Call 1-800-968-7300 for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Clinics are being held in Crawford County at the Head Start building. Call the Health Department for more information or for an appointment at (989) 348-7800.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period February 24 - March 2.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Rd. 618, and West of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: February 24 - 25 and March 1 - 2.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of February 13 - February 20:

Three traffic warnings, two private property accidents, one traffic accident, one traffic control, one assault complaint, one threat complaint, two assist other departments, four civil complaints, 10 civil infractions one juvenile complaint, two larceny complaints, one animal control complaint, two disturbing the peace complaints, one breaking and entering, five suspicious situations, one malicious destruction of property and three unclassified complaints.

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Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Seider • Pastor
652 (M-75 W) • 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Leary United
Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

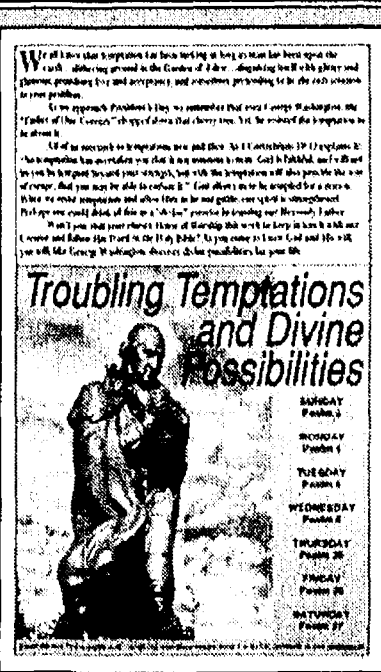
Heritage Baptist
Pastor Robert Phillips 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 7 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Wagoner
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
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Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 7 pm
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Preschool 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Barrington Baptist Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Perle 348-1275
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Youth Group 7 pm
(Van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stepien
North Down River Rd. at
1630 Glena Rd. • 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Prayer 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Valley, J., Pastor
700-708 Peninsula • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Sunday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Mass 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sun) 9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend Elizabeth Chance
612 West • Office 348-5830
Morning Prayer Tues-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Reverend Life Fellowship
Pastor Joel & Debbie Mann
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Bible Study 12:30 pm
Wed. Night Bible Study 7:00 pm
at 1818 S. Michigan Street, Building
Behind Community Center, Behind
Crawford County Jail, Behind
Mallards R. Cat Home, At Northwestern, MI
Phone: 348-5830 or 348-5831
Website: www.life-fellowship.org

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

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Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Pastor Life Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 10 am
Sunday Evening 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madison St., Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Costes
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Sunday Worship 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed) 7 pm

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
at the junction of M-93 & Old 27
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study 12 noon



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Grayling

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American Legion Hall
Post 106 - Grayling

Students take part in sidewalk design project

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A pair of teams from the drafting class at Grayling High School are working to cement their mark on the community with their computer creativity.

Seniors Angeanette Lovely and Brian Borchers and James Haven and Jon Handy are competing on two-person teams in a competition sponsored by the Grayling City Council aimed at designing a sidewalk.

The sidewalk will link the Grayling City Hall and the Grayling City/Township Fire Department to an existing walkway which extends from businesses located on the I-75 Business Loop.

The students, who have been working on the project since January, are charged with designing landscaping and placing benches and trash receptacles along the pathway.

Bragging rights as well as a \$500 scholarship which will be split between the winning design team are up for grabs.

"It's kind of cool being able to give back to the community while we are learning these skills in the classroom," Borchers said.

"Twenty years from now, we will be able to say - yeah - I helped with that if our plan is chosen," Haven said.

The competition is part of the Crawford AuSable School District's Service learning program, which is aimed at getting students involved and engaged in issues which impact the community.

"We could have asked the Road Commission to put the



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling High School seniors Brian Borchers, James Haven and Angeanette Lovely are taking part in a contest to design a sidewalk which will link the Grayling City Hall with an existing walkway extending from businesses located on the I-75 Business Loop.

sidewalk in or had the Department of Public Works employees stake it out, but this is a way to get the students involved in the community," said Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe.

Grayling Mayor Joe Ferrigan, who is also the building trades instructor at Grayling High School, helped coordinate the competition.

"Any time you can get the students involved, I think they take more pride and ownership in the community," Ferrigan said.

All four students are planning on furthering their education and pursuing careers in the architectural or computer aided design fields.

"Being able to apply what they're learning to real world applications is invaluable," said Ron Rakoczy, the drafting teacher at Grayling High School. "That's what it's like in the real world - it's competition."

Acknowledging there is little detail to designing a sidewalk, Lovely said the students had to use their communication and

research skills by obtaining design specifications from Michigan Department of Transportation and Crawford County Road Commission officials.

"It would be neat to design a playground or something like that," Lovely said.

Haven said the competition has been fun and that the teams are not letting each other know the details of what they are planning.

"We're keeping it secret, but it's pretty laid back," Haven said.

Head Start gets young students on right path

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

A typical day at a Crawford County Head Start classroom begins at 8:45 a.m., with the arrival of students for the 3 hour and 15 minute morning session. The majority of these students are only age four.

In this session, the 17 students will learn everything from taking off their coats to the basic social skills necessary for their upcoming years of school.

At the Grayling Head Start, Mary Jo Vallad and the Head Start staff teach table manners, bathroom hygiene and even have a mini-kitchen so students become familiar with food. The overriding theme is using fun

and imagination to further education.

Head Start does not focus solely on the students, however.

"Parent involvement is a big piece with us," said Head Start Area Manager Sherry Garner.

Head Start, partnered with Dial-A-Ride, provides transportation to and from class. There is a bus aide with the children at all times.

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Frederic Head Start operates

under a slightly different time frame. They have 6 hour and 15 minute sessions. Garner said this schedule - which is closer to normal work hours - allows more kids to attend.

"We serve 15 kids in Frederic," Garner said.

Along with absorbing education costs, Head Start provides immunizations, physicals, dental care and nutrition costs. Snacks and a lunch are provided daily.

Head Start, now nationally in its fortieth year, was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.

The primary goal of Head Start is to provide comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-

income children and their families. It is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States.

Garner pointed out another benefit to Head Start:

"We are able to identify potential learning disabilities at a very young age."

Head Start in Crawford County also has a program called Home Base. Home Base allows 3-year-olds one-on-one time with a teacher. Home Base prepares younger students for Head Start.

Sherry Garner has been with the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency for over twelve years. She became

The Jeremy Kittel Trio impresses students

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable music teacher D.J. Brown summed up

the Jeremy Kittel Trio's performance for her students on Thursday, February 17, with three words:

"They were wonderful," she said.

The school performance was paid for by a Grayling Youth Booster grant given to the GPA Cultural Events Program, who had arranged and paid for the trio to come to Grayling.

The Trio gave two concerts, each lasting approximately one hour. The first was after lunch for the Primary students, and the second was for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

"They related to the students well and explained their instruments. Jeremy Kittel explained that his instrument was a fiddle for country and bluegrass, but a

violin for classical music. The kids really got into it," Brown said.

The award winning trio, consisting of Jeremy Kittel, fiddle, R. Jeremy Kratzat, bassist, and Bob Gerics, guitarist, also played at the Holiday Inn that same evening in a concert sponsored entirely by the GPA Cultural Events Program.

Kittel is considered one of the nation's top young traditional musicians.

"I wish we had these opportunities more often," Brown said.



The Jeremy Kittel Trio delighted Crawford AuSable students Thursday with two performances.

Red Cross urges public to give year-round

While winter is traditionally tough on the blood supply, the American Red Cross is encouraging the public to make donating blood part of their routine no matter what the season.

Every winter, blood collections fluctuate across the state and nation as inclement weather saps donor motivation or ability to give blood. Winter vacations and post-holiday schedules also cut into people's ability to make a date to donate.

"But the need for blood never goes away, despite bad weather or busy schedules," says Fred Stems, CEO of the Great Lakes Region Blood Services of the American Red Cross. "Right now, there are patients in Michigan hospitals who depend on donated blood for their very lives."

Every 43 seconds, someone in a Michigan hospital needs blood.

Sick and injured adults and children need blood

products for scheduled and emergency surgeries, for cancer and leukemia treatments, trauma and burn care, and the treatment of serious health conditions like anemia, Sickle Cell and heart disease. By the age of 75, 95 percent will need a blood transfusion.

The Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross needs between 800 and 900 people to volunteer to donate blood every week day.

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in Grayling on Wednesday, March 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., at the Grayling High School, 1135 North Old 27.

To make an appointment at a Red Cross blood drive near you, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Blood donors must be a least 17, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in good general health.



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Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting:

Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**:

Scheduled For March 2005

Trip #1
Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2005
Destination: Victory Casino - Petoskey
Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.
Arrives Back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2005
Destination: West Branch
Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"
Lunch & Shopping
Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a seat
Departs Grayling: 10:30 a.m.
Arrives Back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning
Special Event Trips
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Mill Town Festival.

To Request Information Concerning Expanded Services
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101




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Cervical cancer is preventable with regular pap smear tests. District Health Department # 10 offers FREE Breast and Cervical Exams to all eligible women ages 40-64. Please call to see if you are eligible. Bring your friend, it may save her life!

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New Eagle Scout earns honors by helping out

By offering his services to the Kenquest House, a home for young mothers, 16-year-old Nicholas Grougan of Grayling earned the honor of Eagle Scout.

Grougan solicited donations and materials, and organized and managed the work done at the Kenquest House. The driveway was repaired and graded, a basement stairwell made safer, a rusted tower removed, and outdoor seating built. There was also significant maintenance work done to the grounds.

This project was reviewed and accepted by the Eagle Board of Review. After the Court of Honor Ceremony, Grougan was officially an Eagle Scout.

Grougan has been active in the Boy Scouts since he was seven.

In the past, he has volunteered in Safety Town, Canoe Marathon Security and 'Clean-up, cooking and serving at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and was toddler playmate/sitter for the Markey Baptist Church MOPS for several years.

He currently works part-time for the local Taco Bell, and enjoys fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and working on his truck's sound system in his off-time.

Grougan plans to attend college, eventually take over the family business and remain active in Scouting.



Photo courtesy of Jim Pickell

Grayling resident Nicholas Scott Grougan earned the rank of Eagle Scout shortly after turning 16. He earned the rank by volunteering significantly to the Grayling Kenquest House.

Paradigm Brass, featuring local artists, to appear with The Andy Hunter Quartet

The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program is proud to present local talent. Along with local Grayling High School graduate Andy Hunter, from the The Andy Hunter Quartet, GHS graduates Kenneth Heinlein and Melissa Wakeley-Sapientza from the Paradigm Brass will be performing in The Best of Both Worlds concert on Thursday evening, February 24.

Kenneth Heinlein went through the Grayling Public Schools and was switched to the tuba from the euphonium by Mr. Dennis Ormsbee in the sixth grade. Presently pursuing both Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music degrees at Central Michigan University, he enjoys teaching privately and is an active member of Central Michigan University's Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Brass Band, Blue Collar Brass, and Central Foundation, as well as numerous other collegiate performance ensembles.

Melissa Wakeley-Sapientza was raised in Grayling and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1999 with a Bachelor degree in Music Education. From 1999 - 2003, Melissa taught instrumental

music in the Birmingham Public School District in Birmingham. Currently she's earning her Master of Music Education degree and is a graduate assistant at CMU.

She has performed with numerous groups and musicians over the years, including Midland Music Society, Midland Symphony, and jazz artists Clark Terry and Allen Vizzutti. Melissa is a native of Grayling and now resides in Mt. Pleasant with her husband.

Also appearing in the Paradigm Brass are Matt Taton, Elizabeth Perry and Joseph Radtke.

Taton graduated from Central Michigan University in 1990 with a degree in Music Education. He currently is a band director in the Mt. Pleasant school district, as well as principal cornet with the Central Michigan University Brass Band. Matt has performed with the Midland Symphony, Traverse Symphony, Saginaw Symphony, International Symphony Orchestra, The Temptations, and jazz greats such as Jon Faddis, Bill Waltrous and others.

Perry began in music as a trumpet player and after hearing the incredibly beautiful and melodic sound of the French horn, she decided to convert. She has

been involved in numerous ensembles over the years and can presently be heard performing with this brass quintet, the Midland Symphony, Traverse Symphony, Midland Music Society, Midland Concert Band, and a few others along the way.

Radtke grew up in Shepherd and is currently a student at Central Michigan University near completion of a Bachelor of Music Education degree. He can be seen performing in the Midland Symphony, West Shore Symphony, Midland Music Society, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Big Bands, and various other groups across Michigan.

Doors open at the Holiday Inn of Grayling at 6:45 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is \$10 per person and \$8 for seniors and students and can be purchased in advance at Flowers by Josie, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or by calling 989-348-7146.

For more information about this event and other GPA Cultural Events Series, or to be placed on the mailing list for news of upcoming events, call 989-348-7146.

The GPA Cultural Events Series is made possible through a partnership with area businesses and corporations.

Thirty-nine years of service to seniors

Dedication and work ethics are some commodities that are hard to come by in this day and age. Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community recently had the opportunity to celebrate an excellent display of dedication to helping those who can't care for themselves.

Barbara Holtcamp a Beaver Creek resident retired on January 31, 2005 after working 19 years in the Dietary Department of the facility. She has through the years seen many changes and served well over 9500 meals to the residents of the facility. Barbara's responsibilities included knowing the likes and dislikes of those she served. The staff

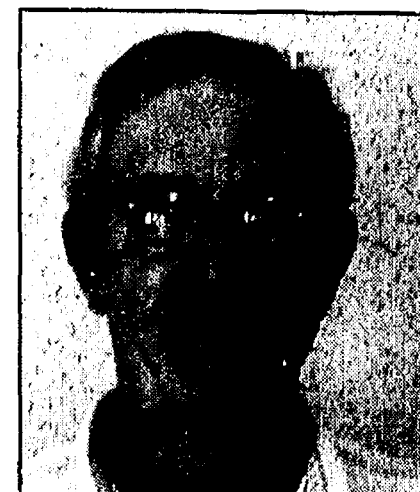


Barbara Holtcamp

had a farewell potluck for Barbara on Monday.

Another staff member Daniel Root a Grayling resident has just made the 20 year mark.

Dan has been a dedicated



Daniel Root

member of our Housekeeping team. Not a day goes by that you don't see Dan stopping to help a resident while making his daily rounds keeping the floors shined.

BIRTHS

Jessica and Toby Shambarger of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Jensen Blaine, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on February 10, 2005, at 5:15 p.m.,

weighing 8 lbs. 3 1/2 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Kimberly and Charles Tinker, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Cameron Edward,

born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on February 15, 2005, at 3:03 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Quilts recognize Michigan traditions

Quilt squares created by Grayling area residents are included in wall hangings recognizing Michigan traditions which are on display at several locations across the state.

The Michigan Heritage Quilt project, which was sponsored by Great Lakes Energy for the electric cooperative customers, includes submissions by Eva Ilene Coppa and Bambi Mansfield of Grayling.

Creation of the quilt wall hanging was part of a contest sponsored by Country Lines, the magazine distributed to Great Lakes Energy customers.

The 20 hand-crafted squares that make up the Great Lakes Energy wall hanging are part of more than 120 squares that were entered by Country Lines readers in a popular quilt square contest held by the magazine in 2002. Coppa and Mansfield have quilt squares which are included in the Great Lakes Energy wall hanging.

Entrants were asked to describe their squares and why they chose the scene they created to depict the theme - Our

Michigan Heritage.

"The event proved to be more than a contest," says Country Lines Editor Gail Knudtson with the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA) in Okemos. "It is a personal account of memories, images and traditions that mark Michigan as a unique, rich, and resourceful state."

Reflecting our state's local history and beauty, 36 winning squares in the contest were pieced together to make the Michigan Heritage Quilt. One of Coppa's quilt squares was among the winning submissions for the contest.

Remaining squares were made into wall hangings that are displayed around the state at electric co-op offices.

The Michigan Heritage Quilt is scheduled to tour the state this year. Tour details and more information about the quilt can be found at www.countrylines.com or call (517) 351-6322, Ext. 208.

MECA is the service organization for Great Lakes Energy and Michigan's nine other consumer-owned electric cooperatives,

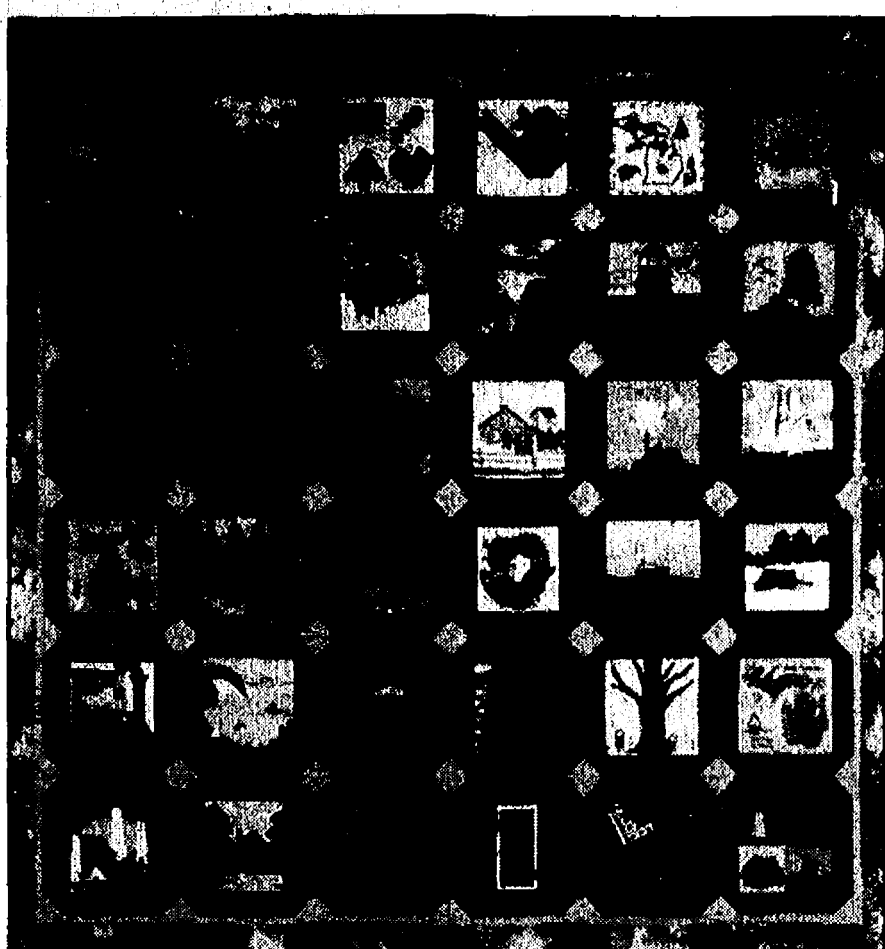


Photo Courtesy of Great Lakes Energy

The Michigan Heritage Quilt project, which was sponsored by Great Lakes Energy for the electric cooperative customers, includes submissions by Eva Ilene Coppa and Bambi Mansfield of Grayling.

which provide electricity to the 600,000 people in rural areas homes and businesses of over covering half the state.

Two Frederic residents help with local Library

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

According to Jeff Lane, it was just his duty to provide his services to the local library.

"Frederic is not big, so the more help you can get from the community, the better," Lane said.

Lane, who owns Mapleleaf Laminate, learned from Dave Henion that the library needed a place to put their computers in order to free up more space.

"It isn't a big deal, really. I put in a 6' long piece that is thirty-inches deep. It holds two computers," Lane said.

Originally, librarian Sandy Steele asked Henion if she could pay him to build the computer port. Henion said he wouldn't accept money, and also knew someone who might be able to better help. He contacted Jeff Lane.

"He asked me if I wanted to help out with this. Dave gives his time to the people," Lane said.

Lane wanted to pay for everything, but librarian Steele wouldn't let him.

"The bottom line was that she

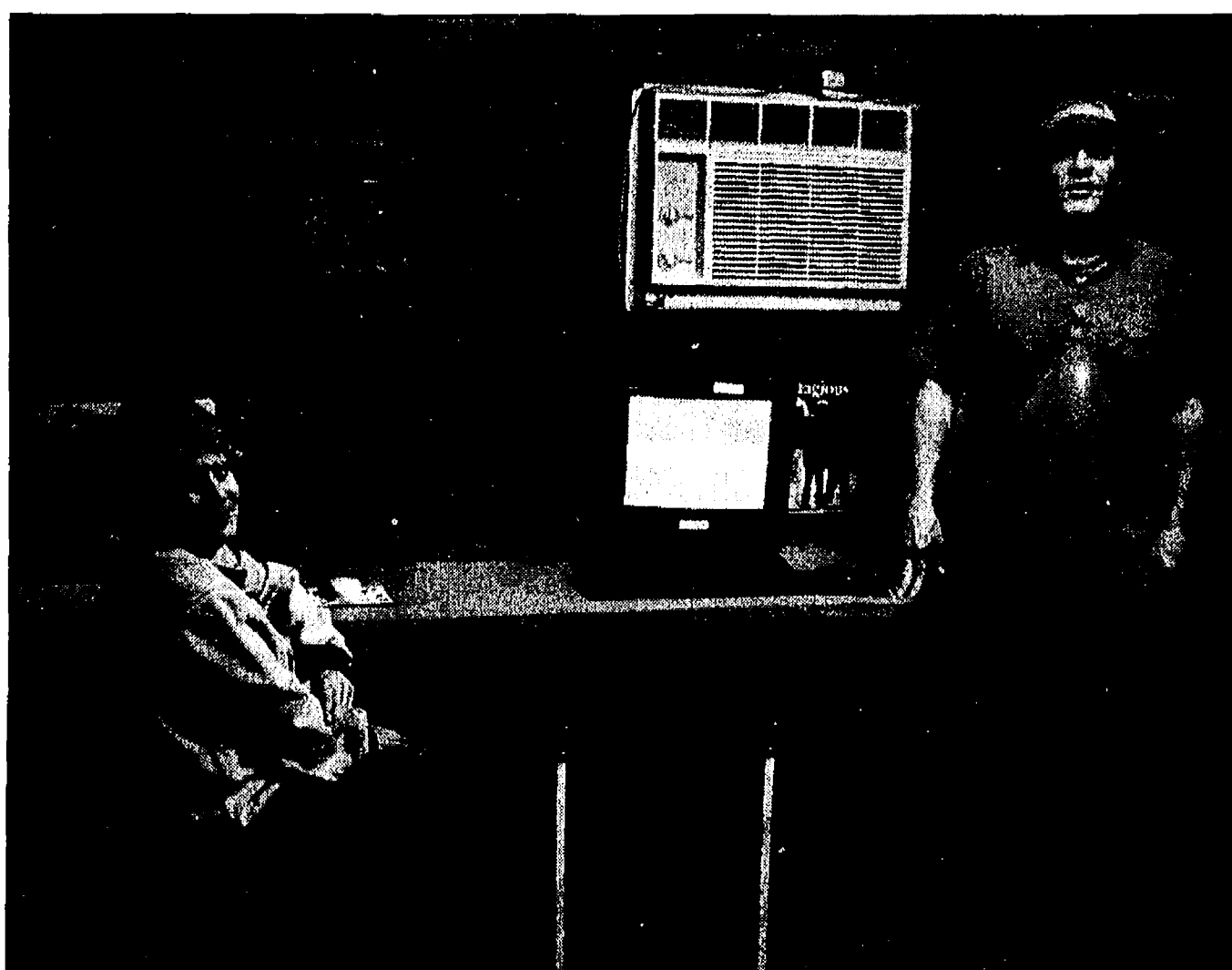


Photo by Josh Greenberg

Frederic Library regulars Rose Bindschatel and Dave Henion at the computer counter installed by Jeff Lane.

wouldn't let me pay for the materials," Lane said.

Steele said that people can't

overestimate how much such a project helps out.

"It was much appreciated.

We're a small town library and the two of them really, really helped us," Steele said.

HONORS

Kirtland Community College

Student Jason Dasho, of Frederic, was awarded a bachelor's degree at a commencement ceremony Sunday, Jan. 2. However, the degree awarded was not from Kirtland CC, but from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.

Kirtland Community College is one of more than 200 community colleges across the U.S. that has formed an educational alliance with Franklin University.

The Community College Alliance was established to provide students the opportunity to earn their bachelor's degree online while remaining in their community.

Bachelor's degrees are available in: accounting, applied management, business administration, computer science, digital communication, health care management, information technology, management, management information sciences, and public safety management. A 17-month online MBA also is available.

Dasho completed his bachelor's degree in public safety management by combining on-campus coursework at Kirtland with online classes through Franklin.

Ferris State University

Rachael Evon of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2004 at Ferris State University. The Dean's List recognizes outstand-

ing academic achievement of full-time students who do

unusually well in their studies.

Evon is a 2002 Grayling High

School graduate and the daughter of Bill Evon and Cindy



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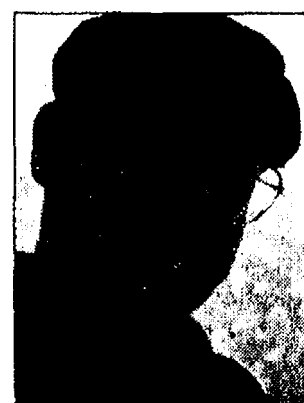
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Keep kids safe by using car seats properly

By Ernie Harwell



It wasn't all that long ago when a lot of our young kids freely roamed the car or sat in the front seat while we drove them from place to place.

While more people now recognize how important it is to use child safety seats, we still have some work to do educating folks on the proper use of child safety devices.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 73 percent of child safety restraints are misused. The most common errors were loose harness straps around the child and loose seatbelts attached to the child restraint. They also determined that four out of five kids who've outgrown safety seats aren't in booster seats as they should be.

We all want our kids and grandkids to be safe while they're riding in the car. So let's all make a special effort to ensure we're doing everything possible to protect them.

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Chamber spotlights Cross Country Ski Shop and The Bicycle Shop in February

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors selected chamber member Cross Country Ski Shop and Bicycle Shop as the February Spotlight-a-Member award recipient.

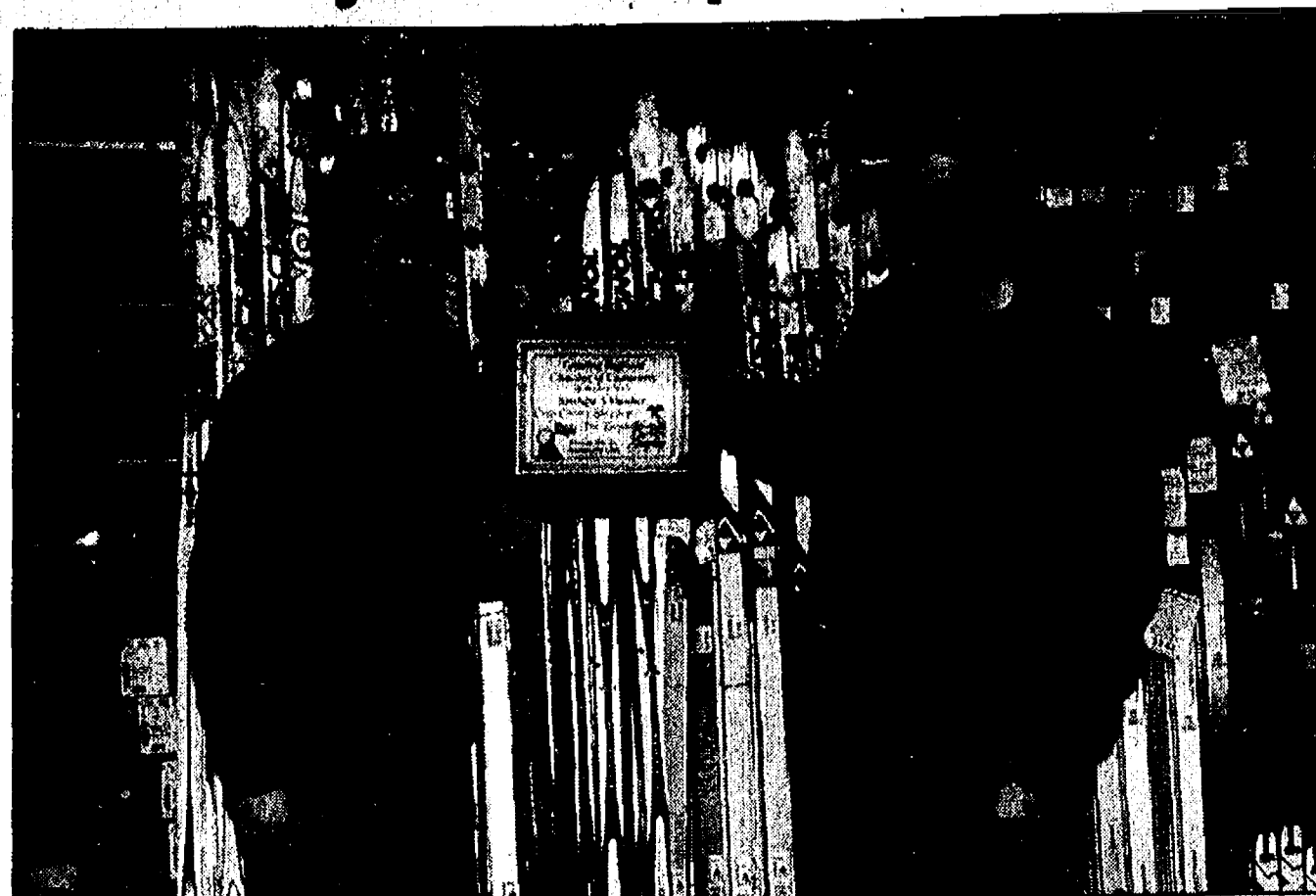
The Cross County Ski Shop and The Bicycle Shop is owned by Dick Fultz.

The Cross Country Ski Shop, located behind the Grayling Holiday Inn off the I-75 Business Loop, has been in business for 28 years and started off as a small rental shop and has grown every year since now carrying retail cross county ski equipment.

Manager Robert Smith claims to have the best cross country ski equipment, the best fitting ski knowledge staff and great customer service. Their ski racing center sells such brands as: Fischer, Atomic and Rossignol.

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The Ambassadors of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce made yet another unexpected visit in February to award the "Spotlight of the Month" to the Cross Country Ski Shop and The Bicycle Shop. Accepting the award is manager Robert Smith and Eric Podjaske.

in Michigan with races every weekend, weather permitting, from Christmas through the middle of March," said Smith. "This along with a mail order catalog makes even lean snow years enjoyable," he said.

When the ski season is over The Bicycle Shop, downtown

Grayling, becomes the hopping place.

Owner Fultz opened the shop downtown because he got tired of going to Traverse City for bike repairs and inner tubes.

Celebrating its 11th year of business this spring, The Bicycle Shop stays opens from March

through Christmas, which takes up the down time of the ski shop.

"With recent bike paths being built locally it's nice to see the community getting more active," said manager Smith.

Cross Country Ski Shop and The Bicycle Shop employs three full-time employees.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 57 complaints the week of February 14 - February 20:

Twenty-two traffic accidents, one accident-non traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, two civil matter/family disputes,

four suspicious situations, one suicide, nine general non-criminal;

Two delinquent minors, four false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, one burglary/home invasion, one damage to property, one liquor law violation, one public peace/dis-

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Nursing student to attend workshop in South Africa

Melanie Peterson's life has taken many twists and turns, but it was still quite a surprise when she found out the road she's on now will be taking her to South Africa this spring.

The 31-year-old Kirtland Community College nursing student received an invitation to participate in the International Scholar Laureate Program's Delegation on Nursing which will depart on its two-week tour to South Africa at the end of May.

Peterson was nominated to apply for the trip because of her academic record which gained her inclusion on the National Dean's List. She is one of only 40 nursing students nationwide who will be participating in the learning adventure.

"It was very exciting to receive the invitation in the mail," said Peterson, who lives in Gaylord and is originally from St. Ignace. "I didn't know what to think at first."

She got used to the idea quickly, however, and has delved into the task of finding out more about what's in store for her culturally as well as professionally on this trip.

"I didn't realize South Africa was such a rich country," Peterson said. "But there are the poorer parts as well - I think I'm looking forward to that the most, being able to see how nurses are making a difference in those regions of the country."

As part of the delegation, Peterson will travel to Cape Town, Durban, and Johannesburg, going behind the scenes at hospitals and clinics to observe what nursing is all about in a region of the world beset with HIV/AIDS, conflicting cultures and a shortage of doctors.

Peterson and her travel-mates will be able to compare the schooling they've taken with what their South African counterparts learn. They'll visit all types of clinics, be exposed to international-aid organizations, traditional healers and a realm of parasites and diseases they might never see in the U.S.

The Delegation on Nursing - programs in environmental studies, medicine and technology are also offered - gives nursing students a first-hand look at the health challenges that are faced in South Africa. The expectation is that the trip will likely broaden, or possibly help participants confirm, their individual career goals. It will also certainly expose them to the idea of transcultural nursing.

"I look forward to working with the needier people," Peterson said. "I like to listen and learn. It will be so interesting to see how they deal with not having clean water and not having clean clothes."

"This trip will affect me as a nurse. It will make it easier to remember that we need to treat everyone the same, whether they

have money or not."

Peterson noted they'll be studying many current issues during seminars, but that visits to clinics and opportunities to experience traditional and tribal living will balance the trip.

"We even get to sleep out under the stars in the African bush," she exclaimed, referring to the two days near the end of the trip when the delegation is scheduled to visit a game reserve and will take both driving and walking safaris, visit an animal rescue operation and camp for the night.

But the chance to broaden her professional horizons is what made Peterson accept the invitation, and to begin raising the \$4,500 she'll need to make the trip.

"It might give me a different outlook on a different part of nursing," Peterson said.

She explained that when she first thought about getting an education in a health-related field, she was drawn to Hospice care. The experience of being the caregiver during her grandmother's battle with cancer made her realize the rewards of taking care of people.

"I never would have picked nursing if I'd gone to college right after high school," Peterson added. But when she moved to Gaylord four years ago, with a young daughter in tow, she found that education was within her reach. She's taken advantage of

the Kirtland nursing courses taught through the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord and on-line courses, as well as traditional courses on the Kirtland campus.

Three years after beginning her schooling, Peterson is scheduled to graduate as a registered nurse in May.

However, she still has program requirements that need to be met and that lasts through the first week in June - when she'll be in South Africa. She has nothing but compliments for the nursing program administrators who are allowing her to shuffle her work a bit in order to complete all that is required of her before leaving on the trip.

"They could have just said 'no,'" Peterson said. "I'm very thankful they're giving me this opportunity."

Kirtland's only request - that she keep a journal during the trip and submit it within a couple weeks of her return.

She'll also have a laptop computer along, to keep in touch with her family, which now also includes a 3-year-old son.

"My family is ecstatic about the trip," Peterson said, noting that her mother has made some special efforts to help her raise the needed funds.

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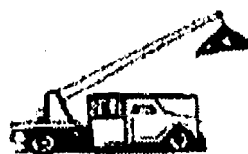
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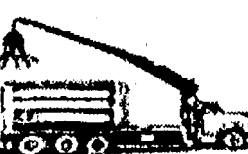
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## Brinks, Jordan wed



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Standing as the brides maid of honor was Courtney Padgett of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bridesmaids included Dayna Estes of Petaluma, California, Erin McCarver of Grayling, Heather Janik of Kalkaska, Jean Meyer of Elk Rapids, and Kelly Rehahn of Traverse City. The flower girl was Hannah Estes of Petaluma, California.

Standing as the groom's best man was his brother, Jeff Firman of Rochester Hills. Groomsmen included Ryan, Firman of

Rochester Hills, Adam Jordan of Traverse City, Aaron Meyer of Elk Rapids, Sean Wiernman of Traverse City, and Jason Kashazta of Lake Ann. Ring bearer was the couples son, Jackson Jordan.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the ballroom.

Lindsey is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School. She attended Northwestern Michigan College and Western Michigan University and is currently a stay at home mom. Matthew is a 1994 graduate of Traverse City Central High School. He is the Regional Marketing Director for Media Marketing Group.

The couple is planning a spring honeymoon to Jamaica and currently reside in Lake Ann.

## Williams celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Gene and Audrey Williams

Gene and Audrey Williams of Roscommon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family and friends on January 29, 2005 at the Lions Club in Roscommon. They have

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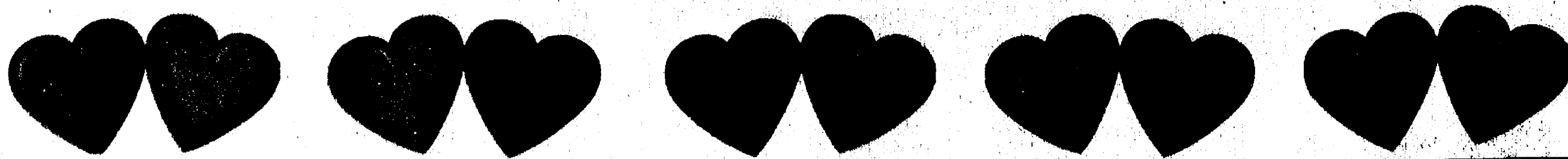
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Rhonda Strachuk

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## March Madness 2005

Vikings to play Bucks in round 1 of districts

■ Grayling opens play-offs with Roscommon for 3rd straight year

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year, Grayling will face Roscommon in round one of the MHSAA Class B boys basketball play-offs. The District #63 tournament, which also includes Kalkaska, Elk Rapids, Cheboygan, and Houghton Lake, will be held at Roscommon High School this year.

The tournament will open with the round one match-up of Grayling vs. Roscommon on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets for the Grayling vs. Roscommon district game are now on sale at the Grayling High School office for \$5 apiece. Tickets are only good for the 6 p.m. game – the gymnasium will be cleared after the contest between GHS and RHS.

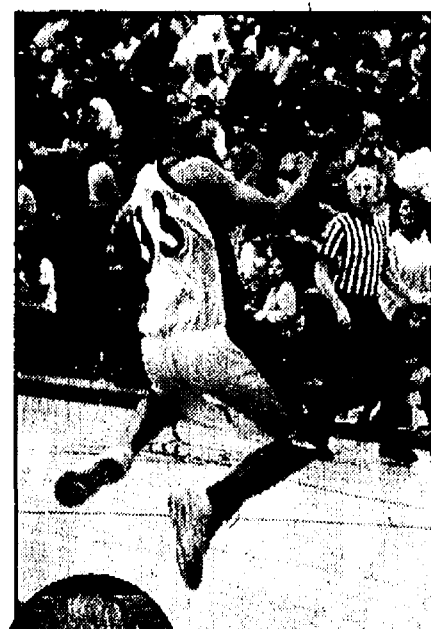
The Vikings have played the Bucks twice in the 2004-05 season. Grayling won the first match 73-60 in Roscommon on December 7 – the squad's season opener. The second game was scheduled for Tuesday, February 22 (results were not available prior to press time).

The winner of the Grayling vs. Roscommon district battle will face Kalkaska in the semi-finals on Wednesday, March 2, at 6 p.m.

Grayling has played Kalkaska once so far this season, a game that resulted in a 66-56 Viking victory (at Kalkaska). GHS will play Kalkaska – a fellow Lake Michigan Conference school –

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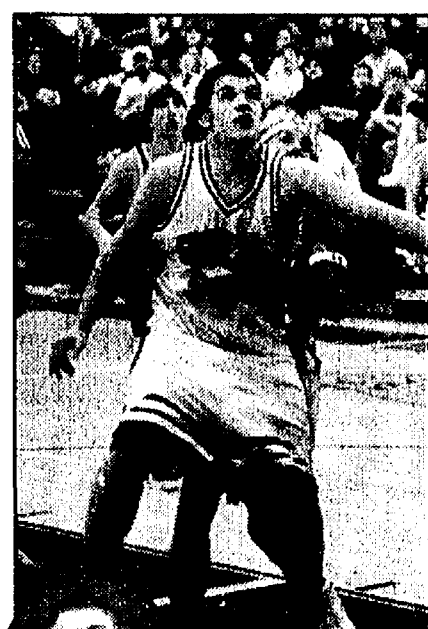
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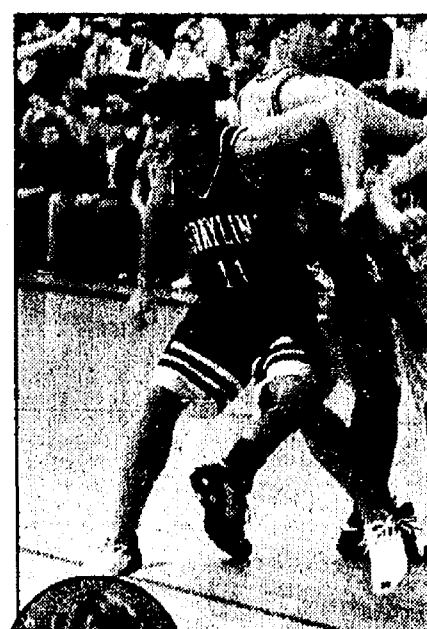
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**Josh Hinkle**  
6'3" Senior  
Guard



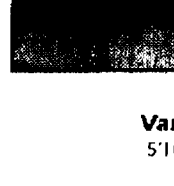
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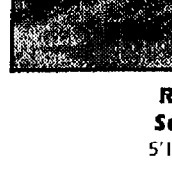
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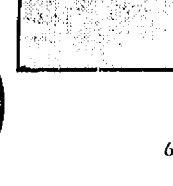
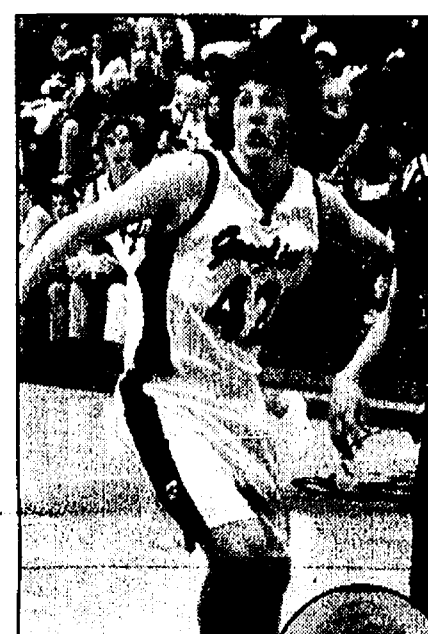
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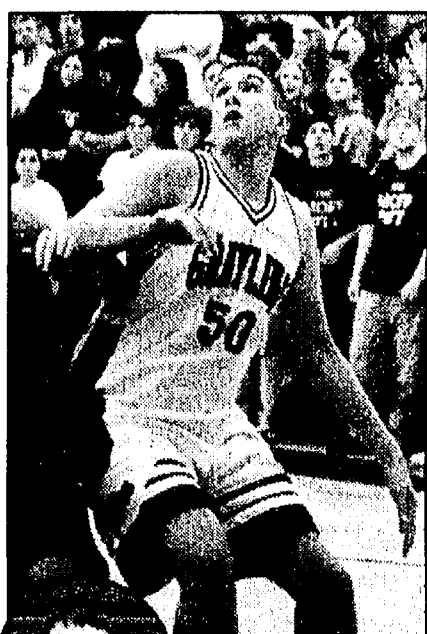
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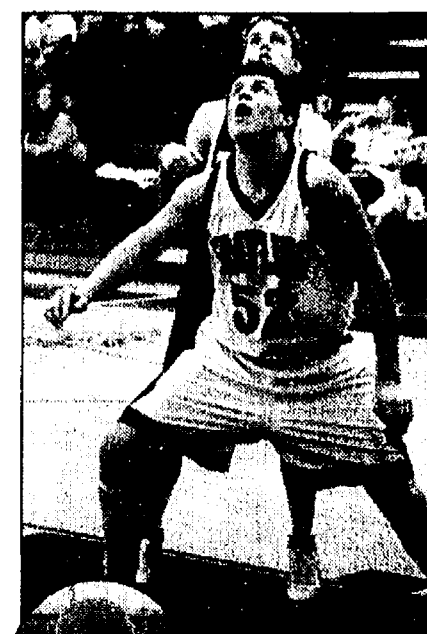
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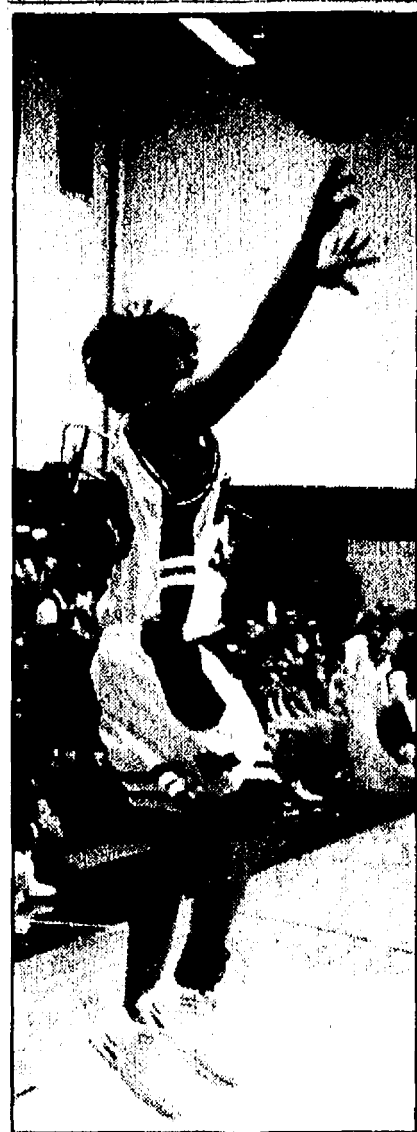
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## *Gibson Tobin*

5'10" SENIOR GUARD #33

Gibson is a solid shooter, ball handler, and defender who leads the team in points (25.5 per game), assists (9.8), steals (9.4), and deflections (1.6). He's hit 61 3-pointers this year and has 63 rebounds. Playing point guard, he has only 29 turnovers through 17 games.



Gibson Tobin



## *Josh Hinkle*

6'2" SENIOR GUARD #22

Josh is a solid shooter, ball handler, and defender who can play multiple positions. He has 61 points (2nd on team), 129 rebounds (2nd on team), 61 assists (3rd on team), 57 steals (3rd on team), 21 blocks (2nd on team), and 125 deflections (3rd on team) in 17 games.



Josh Hinkle



## *Matt Swope*

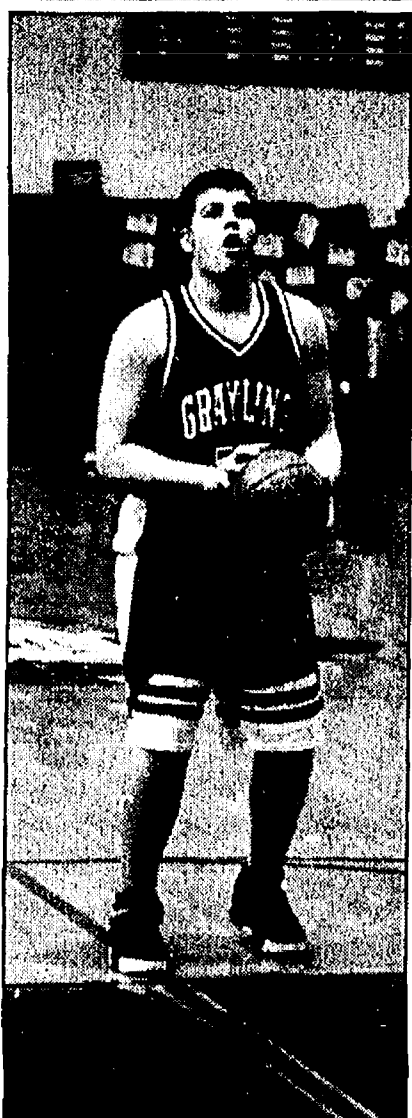
### 6'2" SENIOR FORWARD #55



Matt gives Grayling a strong, physical inside presence. He's a solid rebounder and a scoring threat in the paint. He has 42 points, 50 rebounds, 28 steals, and 48 deflections in 15 games.

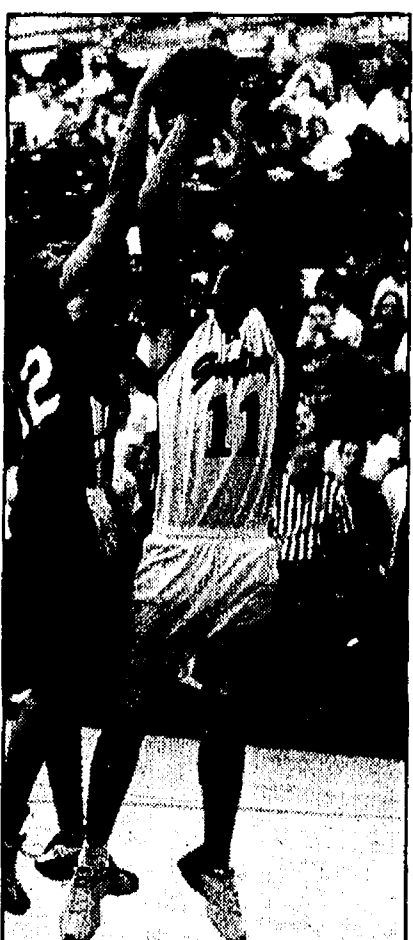


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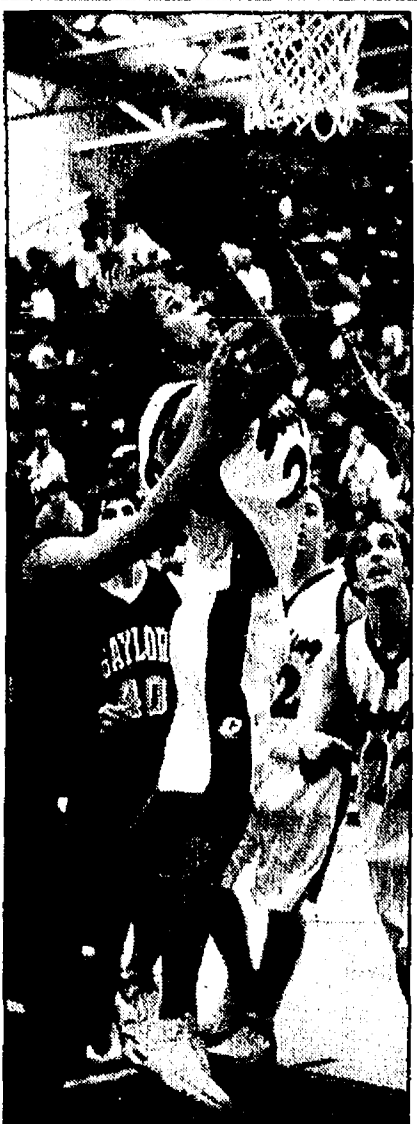
### 6'1" SENIOR FORWARD #11



Josh is an aggressive defender, a physical player who can score and rebound down low. He has 52 points, 49 rebounds, 19 steals, 10 blocks, and 60 deflections in 16 games.



Josh Millikin



## *Eli VanNuck*

### 5'10" JUNIOR GUARD #23

Eli is a quick player who can drive or pull up for a jumper. In 17 games, he has 185 points (3rd on team), 71 rebounds, and 26 assists. He's also a solid defender, with 60 steals (2nd on team) and 136 deflections (2nd on team).



Eli VanNuck



## *Bobby Starks*

### 6'2" JUNIOR G/F #32

Bobby is a versatile player who can handle the ball, pass, shoot from the perimeter, play inside, and play defense. He leads the team in rebounds with 131 and has 133 points (4th on team), 85 assists (2nd on team), 46 steals, 10 blocks, and 110 deflections in 17 games.



Bobby Starks



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Reagan is a good defender and ball handler. He has 32 points, 32 rebounds, 33 assists, 2 steals, 2 blocks, and 8 deflections in 17 games this year.



Reagan Schmidt



## Zach Dean

6'3" JUNIOR FORWARD #42



Zach provides a solid scoring option in the paint coming off the bench. In 17 games, he has 38 points, 52 rebounds, 48 deflections, 7 blocks, and 13 steals.



Zach Dean



## Jim Boylan

6'8" SOPH. CENTER #50



Jim is a solid inside player who can score points and get rebounds down low. He has 72 points, 92 rebounds (3rd on team), 26 steals, 30 blocks (1st on team), and 91 deflections in 17 games this year.



Jim Boylan

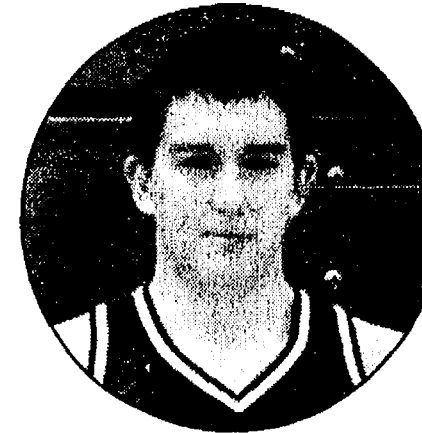


## Mike Boylan

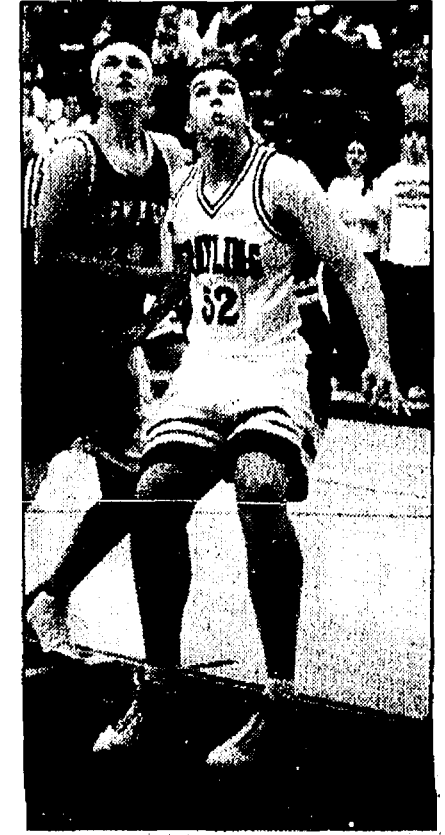
6'8" SOPH. CENTER #52



Mike is a solid rebounder and a threat to score points in the paint. In 17 games this year, he has 33 points, 65 rebounds, 16 steals, 17 blocks, and 47 deflections.

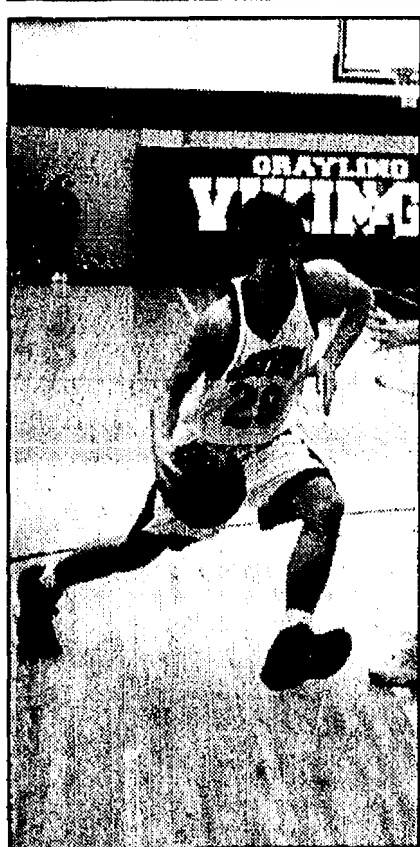


Mike Boylan



## Nick Parkinson

6'0" SOPH. FORWARD



Nick, a sophomore, is being moved up from JV to varsity for the play-offs. He is a good rebounder and a strong scoring presence under the basket.



Nick Parkinson



## Jeremiah Bootz

6'3" SOPH. CENTER



Jeremiah, a sophomore, played junior varsity ball this season and is being moved up to varsity for the play-offs. He is a solid rebounder and scorer in the paint.



Jeremiah Bootz



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Bye

Semi-Final  
Wednesday, March 2  
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Winner  
Advances to  
Regionals

## March Madness 2005: Vikings to play Bucks in round 1 of districts

Continued from Page 1B

in the team's regular season finale on Friday, February 25, at Grayling High School.

In the lower bracket of the District #63 tournament, Cheboygan will play Houghton

Lake at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 28, in a first round contest. The winner will face Elk Rapids - another Lake Michigan Conference squad - in the semi-finals on Wednesday, March 2, at 8 p.m.

The District #63 championship game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 4, at RHS. The winner will advance to the Region #16 tournament, which will be held at Houghton Lake High School.

## A look back: Last year's team won a district title

The 2003-04 Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team won a district championship and came up one basket short of a regional title.

The Vikings opened their play-off run with a 71-40 victory over Roscommon in the first round of districts. (Grayling hosted the district tournament last year.)

In the district semi-finals, Grayling defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 66-59 in overtime. The score was tied at 53-53 after four

quarters, but Grayling outscored the Blazers 13-6 in OT to secure a spot in the district finals.

In the district championship game, Grayling defeated the Harrison Hornets 58-41 with a big run late in the game. Harrison led 41-39 at the fourth period's 4:13 mark, but the Vikings outscored the Hornets 19-0 down the stretch to win the game and a district championship.

In their next play-off contest - a regional semi-final match

against the Tawas Braves - the Vikings posted a 58-53 victory to advance to the regional championship game. (Houghton Lake hosted the regional tournament.)

Grayling's season came to an end in the regional title game with a 54-52 loss to the Orioles of Ludington.

Five players from last year's team are on this year's roster: Gibson Tobin, Josh Hinkle, Josh Millikin, Bobby Starks, and Matt Swope.

## What is MARCH MADNESS?

The phrase "March Madness" refers to the furor surrounding high school and college basketball play-offs, which begin in March all across the country.

For area high school basketball teams (and their fans), March

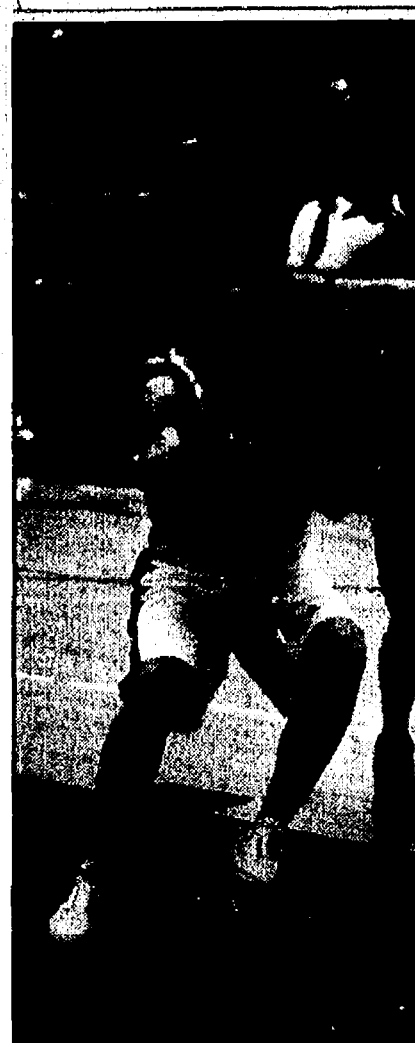
Madness starts with the district tournaments, the first round of play-offs. Teams that win advance to the next game, and teams that are defeated are finished for the season.

Every year, *The Crawford*

*County Avalanche* salutes March Madness with a special portion of the sports section devoted entirely to the varsity boys basketball team just prior to the start of districts.

The Vikings will start post-season play with a first round District #63 match against Roscommon on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m. at Roscommon High School.

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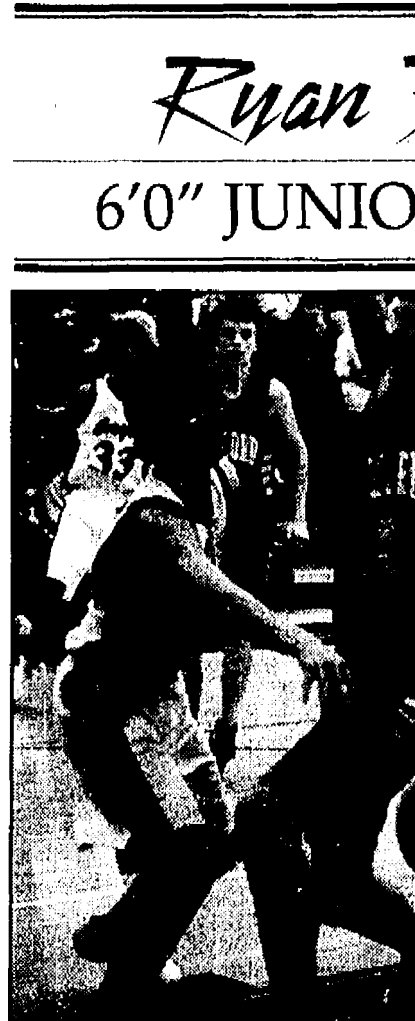


## Zac Baker 5'10" JUNIOR GUARD #12

Zac is a solid defender and a solid shooter. He has 10 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals, 2 blocks, and 26 deflections in 15 games this year.



Zac Baker

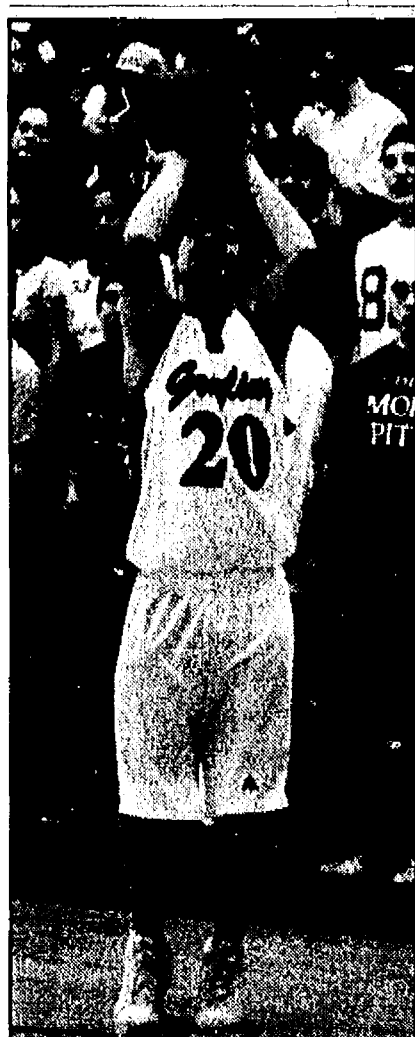


## Ryan Feldhauser 6'0" JUNIOR GUARD #10

Ryan is a solid three-point shooter and athletic player. In 15 games this season, he has 20 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 4 blocks, and 18 deflections.

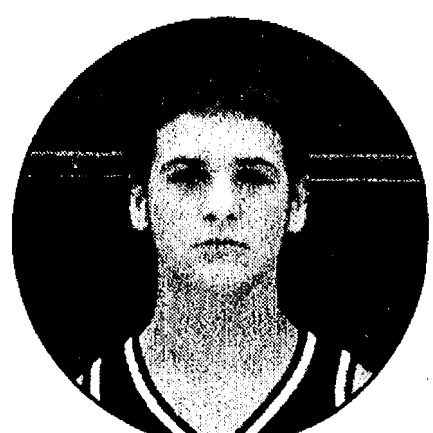


Ryan Feldhauser

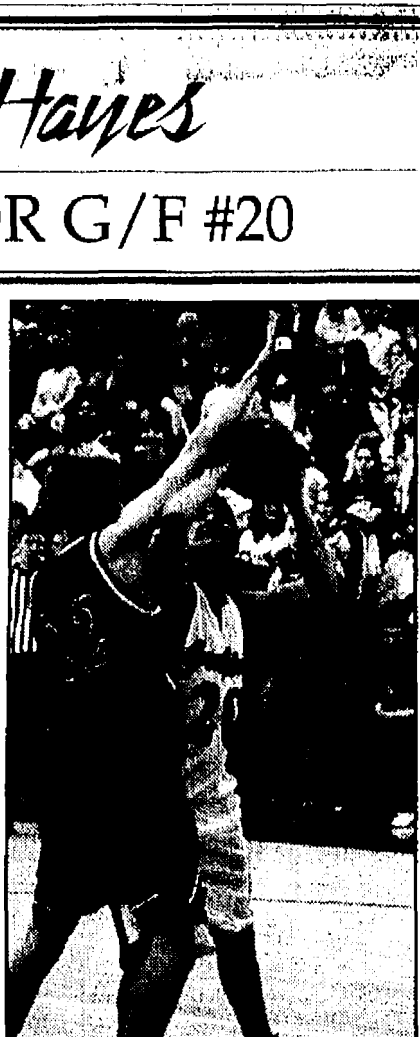


## Zeke Hayes 5'11" JUNIOR G/F #20

Zeke is a solid shooter from 15- to 18-foot range and gives GHS depth at guard and forward. He has appeared in 10 games and has 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals, and 11 deflections this year.



Zeke Hayes



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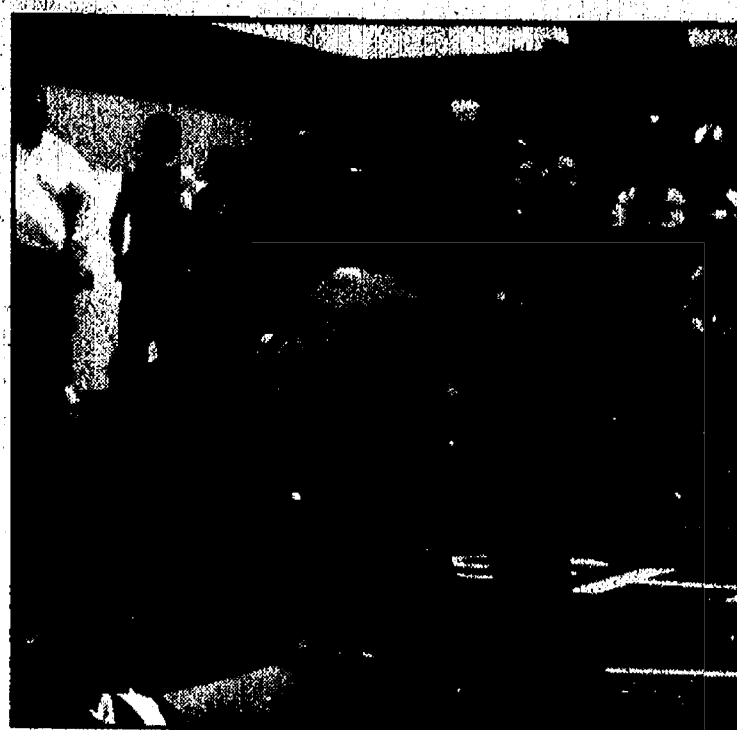
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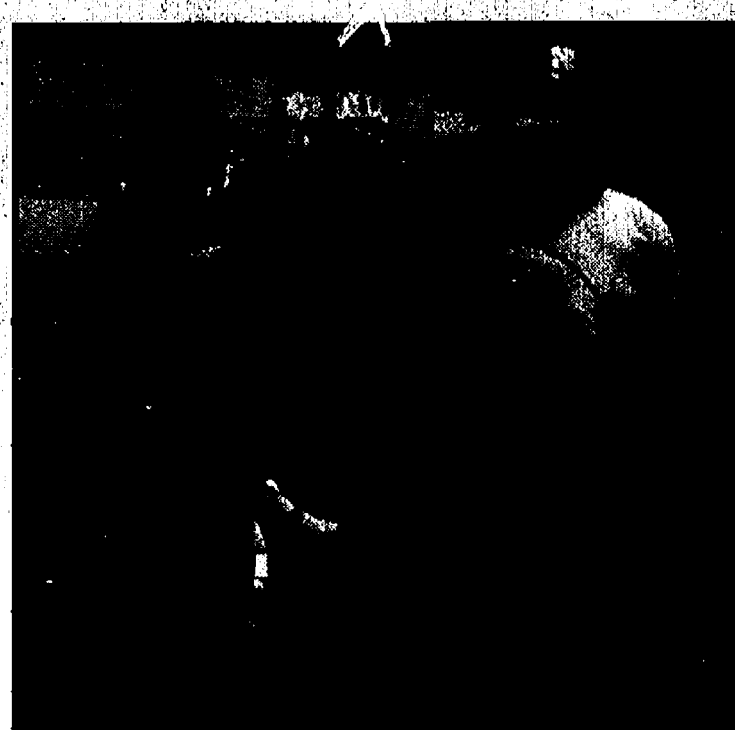
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Cody Malone (130) wrestles against Cheboygan on Wednesday.



Troy Wilson (171) competes in team districts on Wednesday at Roscommon.



Doug Webb (152) faces a Cheboygan opponent at team districts.

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## Wrestling team defeats Chiefs, falls to Bucks in districts

### Vikings defeat Cheboygan 45-30 to advance to district finals

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team advanced to the district championship round with a 45-30 victory over Cheboygan last Thursday at Roscommon, but lost to the host Bucks in the finals to end its team play-off run.

In the Grayling vs. Cheboygan match-up, the competition started with the 145-pound weight class. Jeff Bancroft posted a 16-1

victory to earn five team points for the Vikings. At 152, Doug Webb defeated his Cheboygan opponent 12-5. Kevin LaTrelle (160) won his match 15-7. Troy Wilson won the 171-pound division 10-2. Jesse CdeBaca pinned his Cheboygan counterpart in the first round for six team points, giving Grayling a total of 22 (to Cheboygan's 0).

The Chiefs won the 215-pound and 275-pound weight classes - both by pin - for 12 points.

Ben Brown (103) won his match by decision, 16-0, for five team points. Cheboygan won the 112-pound division by pin. The Chiefs also won at 119 with a

third round pin. Grayling led 27-24 with four weight classes remaining.

In the 125-pound weight class, Nate Paul pinned his Cheboygan opponent in the first round to give GHS a 33-24 lead.

At 130, Cody Malone pinned his opponent in the third round to clinch a Grayling win. The pin gave GHS a 39-24 advantage with two matches to go. Eric Madill (135) posted a second round pin to extend Grayling's lead to 45-24. With the battle won, the Vikings forfeited the final weight class (140) and finished with a 45-30 victory.

The win over Cheboygan

moved Grayling to the district championship round. The Roscommon Bucks had advanced to the championship round earlier in the evening with a win over Houghton Lake.

The Grayling vs. Roscommon series opened with the 160-pound division, which Grayling won with an 8-1 victory by decision by LaTrelle. Wilson (171) won his match 3-1. GHS led 6-0.

The Bucks won the 189-pound weight class by pin in the third round. Roscommon won 12-0 in the 215-pound division. At 275, RHS won 12-4 to lead 14-6.

Brown (103) won 9-2. Roscommon won at 112. In the

119-pound weight class, Cody Verlinde won 13-8. Paul (125) lost a close match 3-2. The Bucks won the 130-pound division (10-2) and the 135-pound weight class (14-8) by decision. The Bucks scored a third round pin at 140 to lead 36-12.

At 145, Bancroft won his match 17-7. Roscommon won the final weight class (152) by pin in the third round to win the district championship match by a final score of 42-16.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ben Brown (103) goes for a pin against Cheboygan at team districts.

## Four wrestlers advance to regionals

### Kevin LaTrelle wins 160-pound weight class at district event

Four GHS wrestlers placed high enough at Saturday's Individual Districts event at Benzie Central High School to qualify for Individual Regionals.

At Benzie, the top four finishers in each weight class earned a spot at regionals. Individual Regionals will be held at Alma High School on February 26.

The four Vikings who qualified for Individual Regionals are:

Ben Brown (103) - Brown, a freshman, placed 4th at districts and ended the regular season with a 38-17 record.

Nate Paul (125) - Paul, a senior, placed 2nd at the district meet and finished the regular season at 13-6.

Jeff Bancroft (145) - Bancroft, a sophomore, took 2nd at Individual Districts and ended the regular season with a 42-15 record.

Kevin LaTrelle (160) - LaTrelle, a senior, won his weight class at districts and posted a 47-3 record during the regular season.

"Of course we would have liked to get more of the team through," Coach Don Ferguson



Photos courtesy of Bill Rosecrans

Kevin LaTrelle (center) took first place in the 160-pound weight class at individual districts.

said. "But we are very pleased with the way this young team competed throughout the year. We are looking forward to next year. This year we have 45 wrestlers on our youth team, 20 wrestlers on our middle school team, and 34 wrestlers on the high school team. With that much interest in our sport only good things can happen."

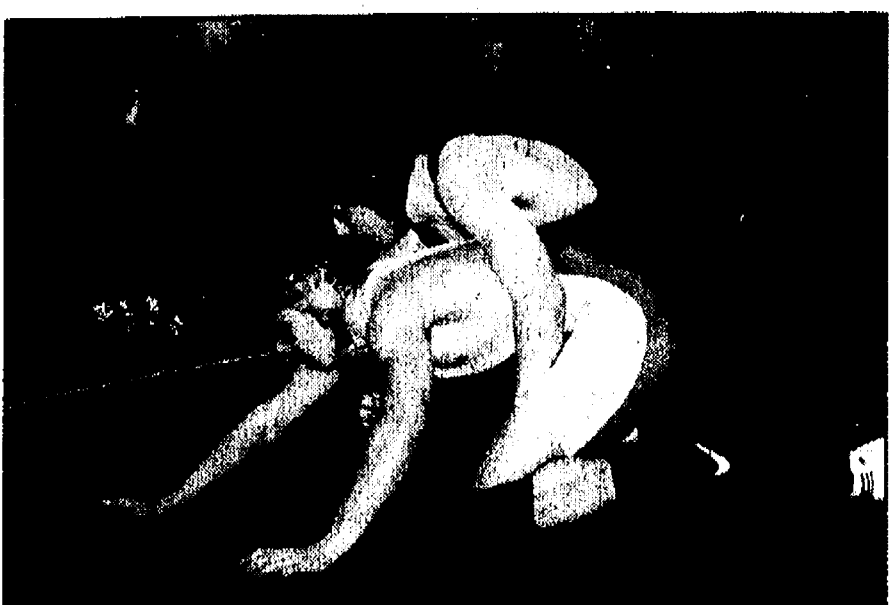
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### Viking of the Week



Wrestling  
Coach: Don Ferguson  
**BEN BROWN**

Ben, a freshman, finished the regular season strong with a 38-17 record and qualified for Individual Regionals.



Jeff Bancroft (145) wrestles a Harrison opponent at individual districts on Saturday.

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# Ski team qualifies for state finals

## ■ Vikings finish 3rd (boys) and 4th (girls) at regional meet

The GHS boys ski team qualified for the state finals at Marquette with a 3rd place finish (behind Maple City Glen Lake and Benzie Central) at regionals last week.

"The team had an uphill fight at the meet, as giant slalom results were not as good as they normally are. Last week we defeated Benzie and Elk Rapids by four and 10 points and lost to Maple City by three points. The regional results were Maple City 36, Benzie 46, Elk Rapids 60, and Grayling 68. We waxed for the weather to be colder than what it ended up being and just didn't hit it right on the hill," Coach Mike Wieland said.

The slalom race took on a sense of urgency as each Viking skier had to try to pick up points against Elk Rapids. Pat McNally placed 7th and Trevor Clough took 9th, but Elk Rapids had two skiers place 5th and 6th.

"The next four Vikings had to step it up and use our team's slalom depth to our advantage," Coach Wieland said.

Adam Gilbert, the team's fourth racer, placed 15th in slalom - five points ahead of Elk Rapids' third racer. Jim Jansen tied for 24th place, defeating the Elks' fourth racer (34th).

"We also had Jon Handy figure in, beating their fourth racer with a 27th so all five boys figure in the 55.5 point total for Grayling to Elk Rapids' 65 points," Coach Wieland said.

Andrew Hart also skied in slalom, placing 41st out of 67 competitors.

The Vikings placed 2nd in the slalom event and moved into 3rd place overall with a total of 123.5 to 125 for Elk Rapids.

Grayling's giant slalom (GS) places included: Clough, 8th; Jansen, 14th; McNally, 17th; Handy, 29th; Gilbert, 32nd; Jim Hilbrecht, 36th.

Four Vikings were named to the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Regional Ski Team for finishing in the top 15 places in regionals: Clough (8th in slalom, 9th in GS), McNally (7th in slalom), Jansen (14th in GS), and Gilbert (15th in slalom).

Coach Wieland was named the regional coach of the year.

In the girls regional competition, Grayling finished 4th - one spot out of state qualification.

"Our girls skied well as a team and just ran into both Maple City and Manistee on one of their good days. Grayling has managed to beat both of these teams in previous meets this season but not today," Coach Wieland said.

The top skier for the Vikings was Katie Baynham, who placed 13th in GS and 14th in slalom and was named to the regional team in both events. Kassie

McClain missed the regional team by 0.7 seconds with a 16th place finish in slalom and she finished 31st in GS. Mallory Olson was in 5th place after her first slalom run but fell in her second run and placed 29th. Olson took 21st in GS. Freshman Cassie Pizzi placed 26th in slalom and 29th in GS. Erica Moggo was 32nd in slalom and 35th in GS. Gabby Calkins placed 40th in slalom and 38th in GS out of 67 racers.

"The girls didn't ski their best meet of the year but had they placed as they usually have they still would not have caught Traverse City St. Francis, Maple City, or Manistee the way they skied in the regionals, as they all had very good results," Coach Wieland said.

The Vikings ski at Nubs Nob in their League Championship Meet on Wednesday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, February 24, the Vikings will ski in the Wieland Retirement Meet at Hanson Hills at 4:30 p.m.

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Vikings of the Week



Skiing  
Coach: Mike Wieland  
**ADAM GILBERT,**  
**JIM JANSEN &**  
**JON HANDY**

Adam, Jim, and Jon were selected for their clutch finishes at last week's regional meet. Their strong slalom finishes helped the boys team qualify for the state finals.

## Cheerleading team places 1st, 2nd at invitational meet

### ■ Three Vikings place in top 10 in meet's individual competition

The GHS varsity cheer team took 1st place in the A/B division and 2nd all-around at the 14th Annual BHS Cheerleading Invitational on Saturday, February 12.

The competition consisted of a leadership round and a creative

round. The girls performed cheers, jumps, stunts, tumbling, and crowd response. The creative routine was choreographed by Brittany Howard, Jamie Pinkelman, Rachel Brunell, and Amanda Moran.

The varsity competition cheer team consists of Howard, Pinkelman, Brunell, Moran, Erica Parker, Ashley Prosser, Kristie Cummings, Arica Hart, Sarah Lange, Angie Martella, Melissa McDaniels, Stephanie

Gaff, Kristina Weiso (music), Sherri Howard (coach), and Penny Podjaske (JV coach).

Three of the Viking cheerleaders placed in the top 10 in the individual competition: Pinkelman (2nd), Howard (3rd), and Moran (8th).

In the individual competition, the top cheerleaders from each squad performed a creative routine consisting of a cheer, jumps, dance, tumbling, and crowd response.

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## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Men's Team

ROSCOMMON - If there was ever to be a good game for Kirtland's second-leading scorer Frank Washington to be out with an injury, the Firebirds' Wednesday road game against undefeated Mott Community College wasn't it. The Firebirds (7-6 MCCA Eastern Conference, 17-10 overall) took a 101-71 beating at the hands of Mott, which has clinched the conference title with a 13-0 record (24-2 overall).

The Firebirds' leading scorer this season, Bernard Daniels, once again led the team in scoring with 25 points against Mott.

Seven more Firebirds filled in at the basket, with David Allison adding 10 points, and Craig Ash contributing 7 points and 9 assists. Adam Reese, Lauren Oberle, DeMarvelous Carter and Sherman Yarbrough each added 6 points and Mike Dunlop rounded out the scoring with 5.

Kirtland plays host to Vincennes for the opening of the regional tournament Friday, March 4, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

### Women's Team

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland's

Meghan Bastian, a freshman from Hale, led her Lady Firebirds in scoring Wednesday, Feb. 16, dropping in 16 points in her team's 80-66 road loss to undefeated Mott Community College.

At 14-0 (19-4 overall), Mott has clinched the MCCA Eastern Conference title, but there is still quite a bit of jockeying going on for the second- and third-place spots, with Kirtland still in the game for third with a 7-7 record (10-17 overall). With only two games left on the conference schedule, however, there's not much room to wiggle - and no room to lose.

"We just didn't play well enough to beat a very good team," Stuck said. "When you're playing a team that has that many weapons, you have to have the little bit of extra concentration to do the little things every time. We just couldn't get over that hump tonight; we struggled to really score when we had to."

Bastian was in the game, despite the pressure, and added 6 rebounds to her scoring statistic. Amanda Cooper, from Harrison, added 14 points and Nynne Larsen, from Denmark, was

good for 11 points. The Firebirds' key ball handler, Felon Harris from Toronto, helped with 10 assists, 7 points and 2 steals.

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland's Nynne Larsen, a 5'9" freshman from Denmark, pulled out all the stops, landing 25 points and hitting 4 for 5 from the three-point line, to help the Lady Firebirds defeat visiting St. Clair County Community College 72-62 in Roscommon on Saturday, Feb. 12.

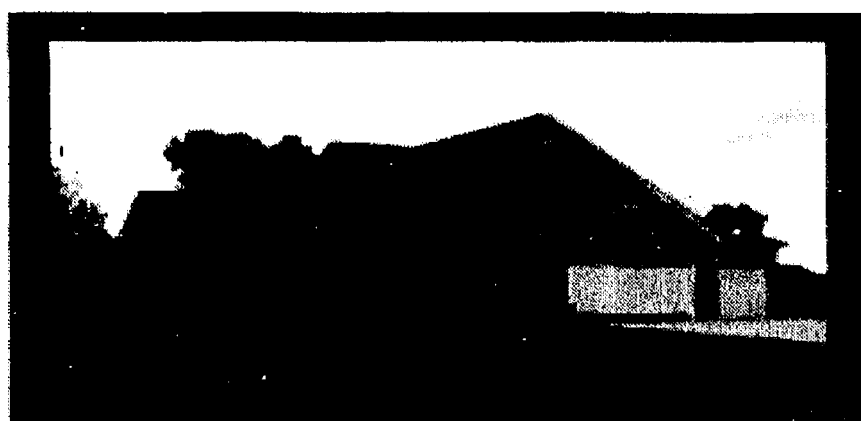
The win was the Firebirds' sixth out of their last seven games and was a crucial step in their late-season march toward a third-place conference finish.

"This was a big win because it put us in position for a shot at third place in our 10-team conference," said Firebirds coach Teresa Stuck.

Kenzie Steward, of Alma, added 11 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists on Saturday. Felon Harris, of Toronto, took down a team-high 12 rebounds, as well as 8 assists, 8 points and 3 steals.

"She was huge in breaking any kind of pressure that St. Clair threw at us," Stuck said of Harris. "She played real big minutes for us tonight."

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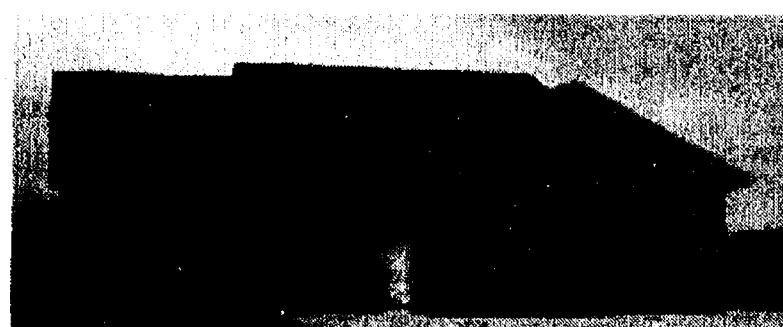
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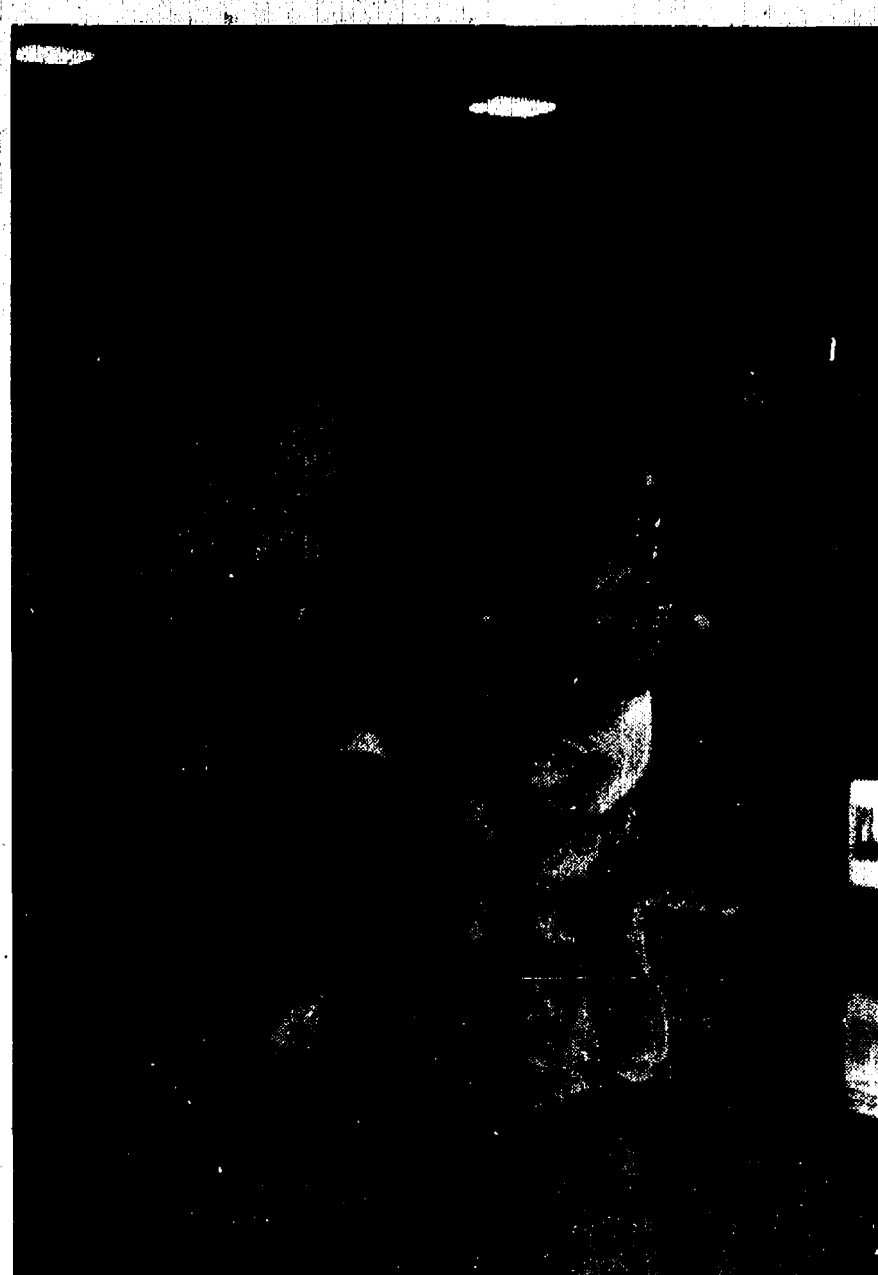
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Eli VanNuck shoots the ball for Grayling in Friday's game at Elk Rapids.



Gibson Tobin drives to the basket for GHS at Elk Rapids last week.

## Grayling clinches conference title with win at Elk Rapids

### ■ Vikings move to 12-1 in league with wins over Elks, Rams

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team clinched a Lake Michigan Conference championship with a 60-45 victory at Elk Rapids last Friday.

The Vikings led 13-7 after one quarter and had a 31-17 advantage at halftime. Grayling outscored the Elks 17-13 in the third quarter to take an 18-point lead (48-30) into the fourth period. The Vikings won by 15, 60-45.

"It's a great tribute to our kids to win a (league) championship. I think our kids have raised their level of play offensively and especially defensively. I thought our defense this year has been pretty consistent," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Gibson Tobin was the scoring leader for GHS at Elk Rapids with 27 points. Josh Hinkle finished with 11 points. Eli VanNuck, Jim Boylan, Bobby Starks, Josh Millikin, Reagan Schmidt, Mike Boylan, and Matt Swope also scored points for the Vikings.

VanNuck had a team-high 6 rebounds and J. Boylan had 5 rebounds. Hinkle had 3 blocks and 3 steals, and Tobin had a team-high 4 steals.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won a

Lake Michigan Conference game at Harbor Springs 79-73.

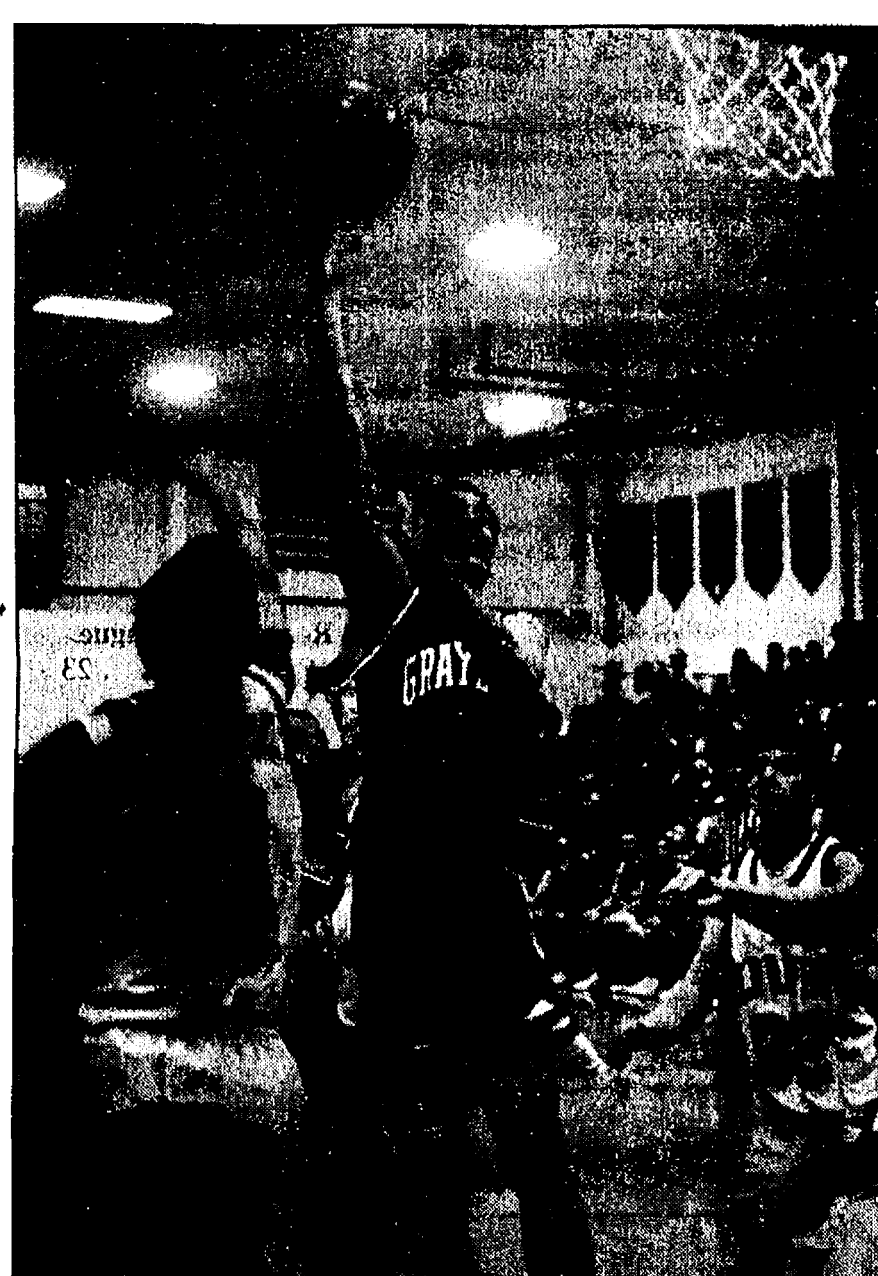
The Vikings trailed 17-8 after one quarter. At halftime, the Rams led 37-32. Grayling outscored Harbor Springs 22-16 to lead by one (54-53) going into the fourth period. GHS edged the Rams 25-20 in the fourth quarter to win the game by six, 79-73.

"I am proud of the way that our kids kept their composure in this game," Coach Moffit said. "We were down by double digits and our team did not panic - they increased their intensity and work ethic."

Tobin scored 28 points for Grayling. Starks (20 points and a team-high 12 rebounds) and Hinkle (16 points, 7 rebounds, and a team-high 11 assists) both posted double-doubles for the Vikings. J. Boylan scored 9 points and had 7 rebounds. VanNuck, Schmidt, and Zach Dean also scored points for GHS. On defense, Tobin had 5 steals and VanNuck had 4.

"Starks had his best game of the year. GT hit some big shots. Josh (Hinkle) passed very well," Coach Moffit said. "We need to improve defensively. If we are going to be successful in the tourney, we need to play better 'D,'" Coach Moffit said.

With the two league wins last week, Grayling's conference record stands at 12-1 - good enough to secure an outright conference championship with one



Bobby Starks takes an inside shot in Friday night's game vs. the Elks.

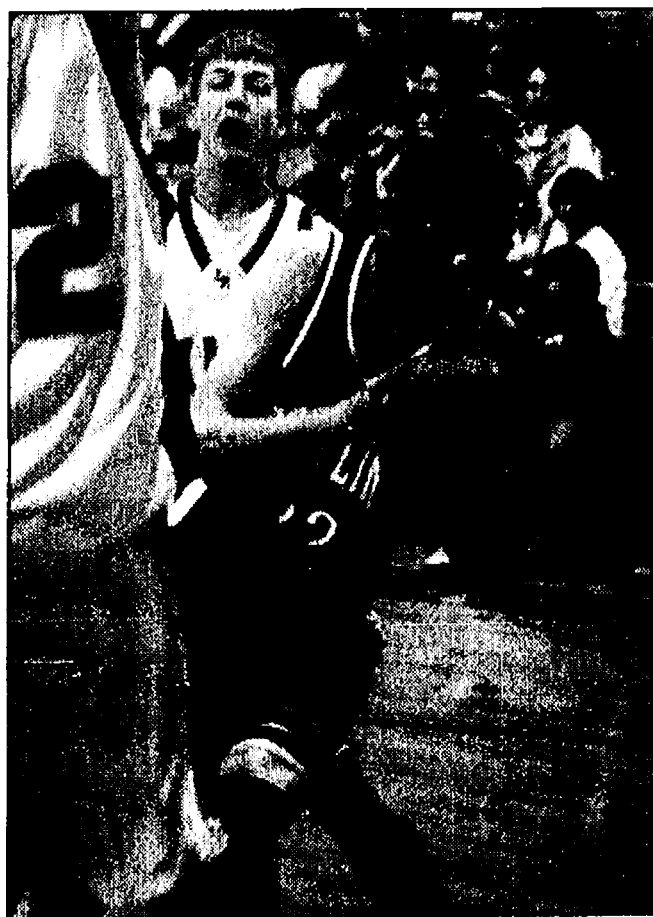
league game still to play. After last Friday's win, the Vikings had a 16-2 overall record.

On Friday, February 25, Grayling will host Kalkaska in

its regular season finale.

The Vikings open their play-off run with a first round district game against the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available at the GHS office for \$5 apiece.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Josh Hinkle handles the ball for the Vikings on Friday.



Reagan Schmidt passes off to a Grayling teammate at Elk Rapids.

## POOL LEAGUE

| Women's Standings                                                          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Frederic Inn                                                               | 143         |
| Holiday Inn                                                                | 142         |
| Growlers Pub                                                               | 131         |
| Legion                                                                     | 124         |
| Sawmill                                                                    | 120         |
| 5 Ball Run: Christy (Sawmill), Annette (Growlers) and Sandy (Holiday Inn). | 6 Ball Run: |

| Johanna (Legion) and Christy (Sawmill). |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Men's Standings                         |    |
| Two Track Inn #1                        | 81 |
| Legion                                  | 81 |
| Frederic Inn                            | 72 |
| Growlers Pub                            | 61 |
| Sawmill #1                              | 59 |

|                                                              |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sawmill #2                                                   | 50              |
| Riverside                                                    | 48              |
| Two Track Inn #2                                             | 34              |
| Lords of the Table - 8 Ball Run:                             |                 |
| Dean (Legion) - two, Kevin (Two Track) and Scott (Growlers). | 8 on the Break: |
| Tom (Frederic Inn) and Dale (Riverside).                     |                 |

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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Mortgage

#### Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Detlef H. Rohleder, a married man whose wife's name is Denise Rohleder, for the purpose of releasing dower, original mortgagor(s), to FSB Funding, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2002, and recorded on February 5, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 152, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nineteen And 16/100 Dollars (\$54,019.16), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 165 feet of the East 660 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in Liber 605, Page 404 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from

the date of such sale.

Dated: February 10, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC G 248.593.1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #047278F01

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## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989)348-4361

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax to (989)348-6713.

| CLASS        | TENTATIVE RATIO |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Agricultural | 50.00           |
| Commercial   | 50.00           |
| Industrial   | 50.00           |
| Residential  | 50.00           |

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk



## LEGAL ACTION

## FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7490. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Huck Davis and Elizabeth Davis, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS) solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns the Huntington Mortgage Company. Mortgagee, dated December 12, 2001, and recorded on December 17, 2001, in Liber 0563, on page 445, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy six thousand nine hundred seventy nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$76,979.26), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock AM, on March 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan and are described as: Lot 6, Block 15, original plat of the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 2, Crawford County Records. Tax parcel ID# 20-070-100-015-006-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

413 Peninsular St.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Dated: February 8, 2005  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns The Huntington Mortgage Company - Mortgagee  
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, Michigan 48075  
-17-24-3-10-17

## SYNOPSIS

### BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### Regular Meeting

#### February 14, 2005

The regular meeting of the Township board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Balme, Little, Summers and Hartman. There were 7 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Guests were from the Devereaux Memorial Library and presented a 1-year contract changing the open days from Monday through Friday, to Mon, Wed, Friday and Saturday from 9-2 each day. The township board will vote on the proposed contract at our next meeting.

7:30 PM Public Comment on

#### Charter Communications Extension of Franchise:

Several comments on Charter Communications regarding growth, question of rate increases and whether Mr. Kavanaugh has looked at the Billman Road/Indian Glens area. Motion by Balme and seconded by Little to approve the Charter Communications Extension of Franchise. Ayes: 4, nays: 1. Motion carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, Clerk and by the Fire Chief on DPW acquiring gas line and Planning Commission.

There were five pieces of correspondence.

#### Old Business:

1. Attorney has prepared a Quit Claim Deed for transfer of King Road from the road commission to the township, and it has been given to the road commission for their review.

2. Discussion regarding changes to the current community center rental agreement. The change will read, "The large pavilion can be rented separately or can be rented for use at the same time as the community center."

3. Motion by Balme and seconded by Little to approve the Recreation Plan update as submitted. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of the purchase of a new hot water heater and decision to leave it until the next fiscal year.

#### New Business:

1. Motion by Balme and seconded by Hartman to approve the letter of support to the DNR from Lyons, Gerrish and Beaver Creek Townships requesting access to the boat ramps if boaters launch and drive their vehicles back to their residences. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Balme and seconded by Hartman to purchase an ambulance from Frederic Township for \$250,000 for use as a maintenance vehicle. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Summers to allow our maintenance person to work at Grayling Township recycling one day in February and two

days in March, not to exceed 8 hours in a day. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

4. Motion to transfer money to the fire department, due to other funds.

5. Motion by to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM  
Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 04-6585-CH  
HON. ALTON T. DAVIS  
ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

RAYMOND W. DAVIS, SR.  
AND CAROL E. DAVIS,  
Plaintiffs,

v  
UPPNORTHE JOINT VENTURE, SALLING HANSON COMPANY TRUSTEES a/k/a Salling Hanson Co. Trustees, TWIN PEAKS, BRADFORD RECREATION, INC., ESTATE OF GERALD L. HARMON a/k/a Gerald L. Harman, DECEASED, HELEN HARMON, FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, UNION DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, UNION DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, DAVID CUVRELL, MARGARET D. CUVRELL, and UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and ASSIGNS, Defendants.

#### UAW-GM LEGAL SERVICES PLAN

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Bay City, Michigan 48706-2240  
(989) 684-3300

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SPENDER & ROBB, P.C.  
Attorney for David and Margaret Cuvrell  
1289 South Linden Road, Suite B

Filed, MI #0532-3408  
(810) 238-1415

#### ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

At a session of said court, in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan this 4th day of February 2005.

Present: HON. ALTON T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT JUDGE

This matter has come before the Court on a Complaint to Quiet Title to property located in Crawford County filed November 24, 2004, Raymond W. Davis, Sr. and Carol E. Davis against UppNorth Joint Venture and others. The Court being fully advised by the motion of Plaintiffs, attesting to the fact that Defendants UppNorth Joint Ventures, Salling Hanson Company/Salling Hanson Company Trustees, Twin Peaks, Bradford Recreation, Inc., First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Union Development Company, and Estate of Gerald L. Harman a/k/a Gerald L. Harman, Deceased, or their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns cannot be personally served with a Summons and a copy of the Complaint herein. Further, publication of notice of this action in a newspaper of general circulation is most likely to give notice to these defendants and their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns and it appearing to the Court that the Plaintiffs, after diligent inquiry, have been unable to ascertain the circumstances regarding these defendants and their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns either within or without the State of Michigan. Further appearing that personal service of the Summons and Complaint in this action cannot be made on these defendants and their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns for the above stated reasons, and that publication is the best means available to apprise these defendants and their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns of the pendency of this action.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Defendants UppNorth Joint Ventures, Salling Hanson Company/Salling Hanson Company Trustees, Twin Peaks, Bradford Recreation, Inc., First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Union Development

Company, and Estate of Gerald L. Harman a/k/a Gerald L. Harman, Deceased, or their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns shall file an answer with this Court at the court's address of 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, and shall serve a copy of such answer on Plaintiffs' attorney at the above listed address or take such other action as may be permitted by law or court rule on or before March 31, 2005. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against Defendants UppNorth Joint Ventures, Salling Hanson Company/Salling Hanson Company Trustees, Twin Peaks, Bradford Recreation, Inc., First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Union Development Company, and Estate of Gerald L. Harman a/k/a Gerald L. Harman, Deceased, and their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this Court.

2. A copy of this Order shall be published once each week in the Crawford County Avalanche newspaper for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this Court.

3. No further service by mail upon UppNorth Joint Ventures, Salling Hanson Company/Salling Hanson Company Trustees, Twin Peaks, Bradford Recreation, Inc., First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, and Union Development Company or their heirs, devisees, successors or assigns is required.

4. A copy of this Motion, the Order for Substituted Service, and the summons and complaint shall be mailed by first class ordinary mail to Helen O. Harman at 2055 Pinckney Road, Howell, Michigan 48843 for the Estate of Gerald L. Harman a/k/a Gerald L. Harman, his heirs devisees successors or assigns and proof of service filed with this court.

S/Alton T. Davis  
ALTON (P244272)  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

-24-3-10

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to take comments on the proposed R-3 (Association) zoning district in the AuSable Woods Subdivision, on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Township Meeting Room at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

Tentative text and zoning maps of the proposal may be examined in the town hall during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

The public is encouraged to attend or submit signed, correspondence concerning the issue.

Terry R. Wright  
Supervisor

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning the Downtown Development Plan presented by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for approval. The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the DDA District to make comments regarding the proposed plan.

The public hearing will be held on Monday March 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing, especially property owners in the DDA District. A copy of the DDA Plan can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Michelle Moshier,  
City Clerk

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROAD ASSESSMENT

Grayling Township will hold the first of two required public hearings for the purpose of establishing a special assessment district under Public Act 188 of 1954, for snowplowing and general maintenance, on the unpaved portion of Nottingham Drive. The public hearing will be at the Grayling Town Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 6:30 p.m.

At this hearing, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees will determine the necessity of establishing a special assessment district.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Terry R. Wright  
Supervisor

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 8, 2005 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;

Mon., March 14, 2005 9am-noon  
1pm-4pm  
Thurs., March 17, 2005 1pm-4pm  
6pm-9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd..

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

| CLASSIFICATION | FACTOR | RATIO  |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Real Property  | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Agriculture    | 48.98  | 1.0000 |
| Residential    | 47.88  | 1.0000 |
| Commercial     | 49.28  | 1.0000 |
| Industrial     | 48.95  | 1.0000 |

Mark D. Khiss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township

| 2005<br>CRAWFORD COUNTY<br>TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS     |             |             |        |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| CLASS                                                       | ASSESSED    | EQUALIZED   | RATIOS | FACTORS |
| <b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agriculture                                             | 274,700     | 287,771     | 47.73  | 1.0476  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 3,825,500   | 4,280,995   | 44.68  | 1.1191  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 12,941,200  | 12,941,200  | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 53,050,450  | 56,908,871  | 46.61  | 1.0727  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 70,091,850  | 74,418,837  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 24,936,500  | 25,004,768  | 49.86  | 1.0028  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 95,028,350  | 99,423,605  | -      | -       |
| <b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>         |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 4,286,900   | 5,316,096   | 40.32  | 1.2401  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 2,491,500   | 2,749,393   | 45.31  | 1.1035  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 404,200     | 408,365     | 49.49  | 1.0103  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 54,849,160  | 60,141,823  | 45.60  | 1.0965  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | 2,050,400   | 1,858,593   | 55.16  | 0.9065  |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 64,082,160  | 70,474,070  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 7,030,500   | 7,030,395   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 71,112,660  | 77,504,465  | -      | -       |
| <b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>         |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 2,075,800   | 2,159,592   | 48.06  | 1.0404  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 10,250,400  | 8,428,833   | 60.82  | 0.8221  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 24,286,200  | 24,462,329  | 49.64  | 1.0073  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 191,994,600 | 202,355,185 | 47.44  | 1.0540  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 228,607,000 | 237,403,939 | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 5,878,000   | 5,878,000   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 234,485,000 | 243,281,939 | -      | -       |
| <b>LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>          |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 3,956,700   | 4,509,573   | 43.87  | 1.1397  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 1,434,700   | 1,507,354   | 47.59  | 1.0506  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 401 Residential                                             | 61,864,800  | 62,590,854  | 49.42  | 1.0117  |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 67,256,200  | 68,607,781  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 3,795,100   | 3,795,278   | 49.99  | 1.0002  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 71,051,300  | 72,403,059  | -      | -       |
| <b>MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 312,700     | 332,801     | 46.98  | 1.0843  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 984,900     | 999,695     | 49.26  | 1.0150  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 1,529,200   | 1,562,002   | 48.95  | 1.0215  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 23,080,700  | 24,081,767  | 47.88  | 1.0443  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 25,887,500  | 26,976,265  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 1,362,100   | 1,362,042   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 27,249,600  | 28,338,307  | -      | -       |
| <b>SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | 3,117,500   | 3,450,088   | 45.18  | 1.1067  |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 2,759,500   | 2,911,479   | 47.39  | 1.0551  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 401 Residential                                             | 101,269,900 | 108,775,403 | 46.55  | 1.0741  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | 734,200     | 751,484     | 48.85  | 1.0235  |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 107,881,100 | 115,888,454 | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 3,070,500   | 3,070,500   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 110,951,600 | 118,958,954 | -      | -       |
| <b>CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b> |             |             |        |         |
| 101 Agricultural                                            | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 201 Commercial                                              | 33,130,000  | 31,313,799  | 52.90  | 0.9452  |
| 301 Industrial                                              | 6,047,400   | 6,177,119   | 48.95  | 1.0215  |
| 401 Residential                                             | 19,722,700  | 21,179,875  | 46.56  | 1.0739  |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                         | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| 601 Developmental                                           | -           | -           | -      | -       |
| TOTAL REAL                                                  | 58,900,100  | 58,670,793  | -      | -       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL                                              | 6,145,200   | 6,145,200   | 50.00  | 1.0000  |
| TOTAL TOWNSHIP                                              | 65,045,300  | 64,815,993  | -      | -       |

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department



## LEGAL ACTION

### Mortgage Sale

**\*THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.**

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Commercial Mortgage made by Robert Butler aka Robert L. Butler and Angela Butler, Husband and Wife, ("Mortgagor") to The Huntington National Bank, a National Banking Association of 10717 Adams Street, Holland, Michigan, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of March 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 25th day of March 2003, in Liber 625, Page 141, Crawford County

Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$180,268.74 and an attorneys fee as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the money as secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof and the entire sum claimed due is, as of the date hereof, fully due and payable.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on the 30th of March 2005, at 10:00 a.m., local time, the undersigned will, immediately inside the lobby of the Courthouse, City of

Grayling, Michigan (this being the place for the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage for so much thereof which may be necessary to pay the amount due on said Mortgage, with 9.5 percent plus all legal costs, charges and expenses, together with said attorneys fee, and also any sum or sums which may be paid and are by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which premises are described as following, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 6: A parcel of land situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and more fully described as follows:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, thence S89°17'00" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of County Road 1240.52 feet to the point of beginning of said easement centerline; thence along said centerline S00°06'08" E 42.66 feet; thence 118.51 feet along the arc of a 400.00 feet radius curve to the left whose long chord bears S08°35'24" E 118.08 feet; thence 175.81 feet along the arc of a 593.37 feet radius curve to the right whose long chord bears S08°35'24" E 175.17 feet; thence S00°06'08" E 750.37 feet; thence 192.49 feet along the arc of a 150.00 feet radius curve to the right whose long chord bears S36°39'35" W 179.55 feet; thence S73°25'19" W 199.21 feet; thence 125.65 feet along the arc of a 100.00 feet radius curve to the

N64°45'44" E 174.00 feet; thence S89°59'27" E 27.01 feet to the point of beginning. SUBJECT TO AND, TOGETHER WITH easement's "A", "B" and "C" as described below.

**66 FEET WIDE EASEMENT "A"**  
An easement situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan and more fully described as follows:

A 66 feet wide easement for ingress egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities over and across part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the centerline of said easement being described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section 33; thence S89°17'00" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of County Road 1240.52 feet to the point of beginning of said easement centerline; thence along said centerline S00°06'08" E 42.66 feet; thence 118.51 feet along the arc of a 400.00 feet radius curve to the left whose long chord bears S08°35'24" E 118.08 feet; thence 175.81 feet along the arc of a 593.37 feet radius curve to the right whose long chord bears S08°35'24" E 175.17 feet; thence S00°06'08" E 750.37 feet; thence 192.49 feet along the arc of a 150.00 feet radius curve to the right whose long chord bears S36°39'35" W 179.55 feet; thence S73°25'19" W 199.21 feet; thence 125.65 feet along the arc of a 100.00 feet radius curve to the

left whose long chord bears S37°25'36" W 117.54 feet; thence S01°25'53" W 282.64 feet; thence 95.57 feet along the arc of a 100.00 feet radius curve to the right whose long chord bears S28°48'41" W 91.98 feet; thence S56°11'29" W 100.38 feet; thence 138.37 feet along the arc of a 100.00 feet radius curve to the left whose long chord bears S16°33'06" W 127.59 feet; thence S23°05'18" E 197.66 feet to the point of ending of said easement centerline and the center of a 90 feet radius Col-De-Sac easement.

**33 FEET WIDE EASEMENT "B"**  
An easement situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan and more fully described as follows:

A 33 feet wide easement for ingress egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities over and across part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the centerline of said easement being described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section 33; thence S89°17'00" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of County Road 1316.81 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line of said section; thence S00°06'08" E along said 1/8 line 1282.31 feet; thence S89°53'52" W 331.49 feet to the point of beginning of said easement centerline.

**66 FEET WIDE EASEMENT "C"**  
An easement situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan and more fully described as follows:

A 66 feet wide easement for ingress egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities over and across part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the centerline of said easement being described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section 33; thence S89°17'00" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of County Road 1316.81 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line of said section; thence S00°06'08" E along said 1/8 line 1841.52 feet to the point of beginning of said easement centerline; thence along said centerline N57°38'55" W 137.54 feet; thence S73°11'50" W 108.12 feet; thence S11°11'41" W 210.77 feet; thence S68°28'44" W 254.72 feet to the point of ending of said easement centerline; said

point of ending also being the point of ending easement "A" and said center of 90 feet radius Col-De-Sac.

Commonly known as 3405 Pirich Trail, Grayling, Michigan 49738  
PPN: 020-033-002-020-06

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed except in the event the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA §600.3241(a), in which case the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: February 14, 2005  
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK,  
MORTGAGEE  
BY: RHOADES LAW OFFICE PC  
Peter D. Rhoades  
PO Box 2271  
Holland, MI 49422  
616-355-7318

-24-3-10-17-24

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-6950-DE

Estate of Mary Ann Hill, deceased

Date of birth: 3/27/1912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Mary Ann Hill, who lived at 6688 Kolka Creek Rd, Frederic, Michigan 49733 died 4/27/94.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Janice Roberts, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1598 Van Tyle Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 14, 2005  
Bernard J. Caspar #P28129  
P.O. Box 1214  
Gaylord, MI 49734  
989-732-6255

Janice Roberts  
1598 Van Tyle Rd.  
Gaylord, MI 49735

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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Planning Commission Public Hearing concerning a request for a Special use Permit for St. Mary's Catholic Church at 708 Peninsular Avenue for addition and alterations to existing church.

#### SECTION 5.02-Multiple Family Residential District (R-2)

6. Special uses that may be authorized by the Planning Commission provided a Special use Permit is approved in accordance with the procedures, provisions and standards of Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance.

b.) Churches, Places of Worship, and related structures such as a parish hall, parsonage, etc. subject to the provisions of Section 7.06(C)

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 02, 2005 at the Grayling City Office, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case(s) at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to Steve Doyle, Zoning Administrator by calling 989-348-2131 or by email to: [clerk@cityofgrayling.org](mailto:clerk@cityofgrayling.org).

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk  
Posted: February 18, 2005

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals Public hearing concerning a variance request from St. Mary's Catholic Church at 708 Peninsular Avenue (20-070-182-011-001-00).

Variance Requested: The current zoning requires a 20' setback on a corner lot. The request is for a sideyard setback to be allowed at 5'0". The existing building is constructed with a 5'0" sideyard setback and they would like to maintain what was allowed when the building was originally built.

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005 at the Grayling City Office, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case(s) at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to Steve Doyle, Zoning Administrator by calling 989-348-2131 or by email to: [clerk@cityofgrayling.org](mailto:clerk@cityofgrayling.org).

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk  
Posted: February 18, 2005

### NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, March 18, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2005, are as follows:

| Class         | Tentative Ratio | Factor  |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| Commercial    | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Industrial    | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Residential   | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Developmental | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Personal      | 50.00           | 1.00000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor  
1020 City Blvd.  
P.O. Box 549  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-2131

### PUBLIC NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting at 4:30pm on March 8, 2005. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 15, 2005 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm.  
March 19, 2005 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea, Supervisor

### ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS!!! 2005 DOG LICENSE FEES ARE:

**\$15.00 for male and female dogs**  
**\$8.00 for altered dogs.**

**BEWARE BEGINNING  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
All license Fees Will Be  
\$25.00**

**IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A DOG LICENSE YOU MUST  
HAVE PROOF OF A RABIES VACCINATION AND  
PROOF THE ANIMAL WAS ALTERED**

**IF THE RABIES VACCINATION EXPIRES WITHIN 30  
DAYS YOU MAY NOT PURCHASE A DOG LICENSE. IF  
THE RABIES VACCINATION EXPIRES DURING THE  
YEAR THE LICENSE IS NO LONGER VALID.**

### WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 6:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary roads and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County line to County line  
612: Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75  
Sherman Road: North Country Line to Landfill  
North Down RR: Business Loop to I-75 Ramps

**FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND  
FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.**

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, Extension 25 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director  
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
James Burch, Commissioner

### ADVERTISEMENT OF AVAILABLE SERVICE OFFERINGS

Upper Peninsula Telephone Company is a quality telecommunications services provider who provides basic and enhanced services at reasonable rates within its service territory. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

#### Monthly Service Charge Range

|                                            |                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Single Party Residence Service             | Available at no charge for low income customers that qualify                  |
| Single Party Business Service              |                                                                               |
| Federal Subscriber Line Charge-Single Line |                                                                               |
| Lifeline Service Surcharge                 |                                                                               |
| Universal Service Charge                   |                                                                               |
| Touch Tone Service                         |                                                                               |
| Toll Blocking                              |                                                                               |
| Emergency 911 Service                      | Surcharges for 911 services are assessed according to government assessments. |

Low income individuals eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs may be eligible for discounts from these basic local service charges through state specified telephone assistance plans.

Basic services are offered to all consumers in the Upper Peninsula Telephone Company service territories at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the Company's tariffs. If you have any questions regarding the Company's services, please call us 906-639-2111 or toll free at 800-950-8506, or visit our business office at 397 U.S. 41 N, Carney, Michigan for further information regarding our services.

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP SEEKS BIDS FOR LAWN/WINDOW/CARPET CARE

Grayling Township is seeking competitive bids for the following work at the Grayling Township offices at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, over a three-year period beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2008:

1. Lawn care to include leaf removal and grass mowing, May through September. The lawn is to be mowed every 10-days, if needed. This bid must include extra care on an "on-call" basis if needed outside May through September, such as prior to a fall election.
2. Inside and outside window cleaning in May and again in October
3. Commercial cleaning of all carpets (approximately 4,700 sq. ft.) annually during a May or June weekend.

Interested bidders must attend a building walk-through scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the town hall. At that time, detailed information packets and information requests will be given to those interested in bidding. Sealed bids with all requested information will be due back to the township supervisor no later than Friday, April 1, 2005. Questions may be directed to the township supervisor at (989) 348-4361 during normal business hours.

Bids will be opened and the winning bid announced at the April meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the township meeting room at 2090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright  
Grayling Township Supervisor

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.  
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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
February 25, 1982

Construction at the new \$60 million Weyerhaeuser plant is on schedule for a September start-up. One hundred and fifty persons will be employed by Weyerhaeuser at start-up and an estimated 100 jobs will be created for wood producers supplying the plant.

Rev. George E. Spencer will return to the pulpit of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 28, following a six week absence. Rev. Spencer, who suffered from kidney failure received a transplanted kidney from his brother on January 12 at the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Nine Grayling wrestlers fought their way onto regional competition and earned Grayling its first district title last Saturday.

Four Viking skiers won medals in regional competition last week at Nubs Nob. Karyn Reynolds took first in slalom and will ski in the state finals on March 1. Terry Norman took a fourth and a ninth place, Jerry Norman took a seventh, Bill Martello took an eighth. Head coach for the Viking girls and boys ski team is Mike Wieland.

In preparation for the COOR area Spelldown to be held on March 1, 1982, at the Roscommon High School, Grayling Elementary School fourth graders held a spelldown to determine who will represent the school. The COOR Spelldown is the first annual one held in the intermediate district. Teresa Ferguson, the winner at Grayling Elementary School on

February 4, will compete against 16 other students from the district. Joanna Myers and Megan Dozer were named as alternatives. Dr. William Diedrich was the announcer for the Grayling Elementary Spelldown while board members, Mrs. Paul Dosch, and assistant principal, David Hawkins, served as judges.

46 Years Ago  
February 26, 1959

The Glen's Markets now operating grocery supermarkets in Gaylord and Kalkaska are the new owners and operators of the supermarket in the Upstate Shopping Center on US-27 in Grayling. The new owner is Glenn Catt of Gaylord. Mr. Catt is a director of Spartan Stores, Inc. of Grand Rapids. The new owner said the staff of the Grayling store will remain the same at the present. The new manager of the store will be Bob Warner, formerly of Gaylord. His wife and one child moved to Grayling on Tuesday of this week to make their home here.

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the Forbes Motel on Monday evening to extinguish a blaze in the boiler room of the motel. City men were at the motel thawing frozen water mains when a short in the wiring caused the fire.

69 Years Ago  
February 27, 1936

Michigan's recent blizzards, the most severe in the history of modern transportation, meant a

\$242,642 bill to the state highway department. A compilation announced by State Highway Commissioner Murray VanWagoner estimated snow-removal expenditures on the trunkline system at that amount for the first two weeks in February. This was the period in which Michigan experienced three successive blizzards which brought temperatures of zero to 25 below, 198 inches of snow on the level, and drifts as high as 15 to 20 feet. Expenditures in Crawford County for the month of February amounted to \$1,536.30 as compared to \$641 for the corresponding month of 1935.

CCC enrollee crews under the supervision of the Michigan Emergency Conservation Work officials are securing information on lake depths and winter fishing for the Fish division of the Department of Conservation. ShuPac, K.P. Jones and West Twin lakes have already been mapped and sounded. ShuPac, 107 acres in area was found to have a maximum depth of 98 1/2 feet, refuting native fables which had estimated the depth as much as 250 feet.

For seven Sundays, beginning January 12, Kirby Snow Trains have brought large crowds to Grayling, and each time the condition for winter sports were excellent, even right up to the last Sunday.

A grand finish was written to Grayling High School's 1935-36 cage season Friday night, as the Northern Lights completely buried West Branch High under an avalanche of points. The Orioles fought hard to stave off

the attack of the more experienced team, but at the close of the game they were on the short end of a 44-15 score. Grayling High's reserves also added a game to their win column by nosing out the West Branch seconds 20-16. J. H. Peterson accounted for ten of Grayling's twenty points.

Michigan's plan for the propagation and planting of Montana grayling from the Wolf Lake hatchery near Kalamazoo this year are all off. A flock of merganser ducks and gulls recently visited the pond containing the grayling and devoured every fish. The Department of Conservation still has a quantity of fingerling Montana grayling at the Wolf Lake hatchery and will keep this supply for later use in propagation efforts.

92 Years Ago  
January 27, 1913

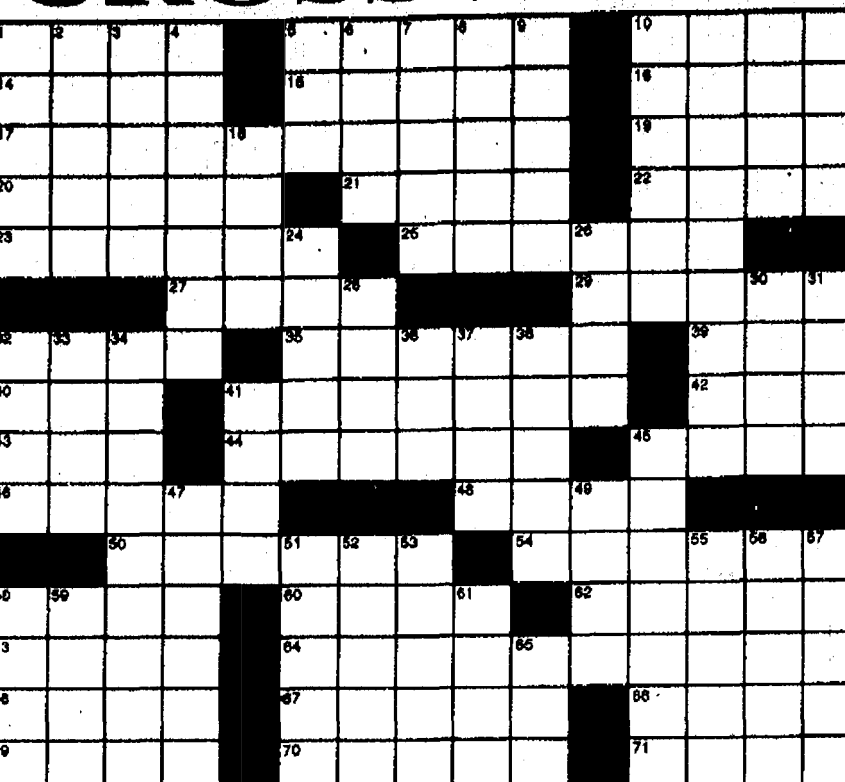
Word has been received from Wisconsin that the property of John LaChapelle was estimated at \$1,757,687, which will be divided between three heirs, his wife and two sons, one being our old ex-devil, Alvin LaChapelle.

There will be a special meeting of the L. Jensen Lumber Company here tomorrow. It was called for the purpose of increasing the company's capital stock from \$400,000 to \$600,000 or \$700,000. Mr. L. Jensen or Ewen expects to be present.

N. P. Olson has purchased a driving horse.

F. H. Mills lost a \$50 cow the first of the week.

## CROSSWORD



- | ACROSS                                           | DOWN                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. Old form of "dare."                           | 1. Old Spanish gold coin.                 |
| 5. Immediately; quickly.                         | 2. Rich tapestry.                         |
| 10. Small island.                                | 3. Overgrown tract of swamp.              |
| 14. Border formed by a fillet.                   | 4. Stretching or straining.               |
| 15. Arid plateau of southern Africa.             | 5. Glide over snow.                       |
| 16. John __, U.S. naturalist.                    | 6. Carry on.                              |
| 17. Brawls or squabbles.                         | 7. Muslim ruler's decree.                 |
| 19. Mimics.                                      | 8. Horse-drawn vehicle in India.          |
| 20. Cowboy's rope.                               | 9. Sprays down.                           |
| 21. Brink or verge.                              | 10. Turkish hospice for travelers.        |
| 22. Remainder.                                   | 11. Extremely skinny.                     |
| 23. Reducing to burnt residue.                   | 12. Untruths.                             |
| 25. Egg holiday.                                 | 13. Before the present time.              |
| 27. Let sink.                                    | 18. Roman counterpart of Clotho.          |
| 29. Garret.                                      | 24. Frivolous and lighthearted.           |
| 32. Bullfighting maneuver.                       | 26. Small ornamental goblet.              |
| 35. Points of reference in measuring elevations. | 28. Volcanic molten rock.                 |
| 39. Heavy harbor barge.                          | 30. Very small quantity.                  |
| 40. Inuit knife.                                 | 31. Bladder or sac.                       |
| 41. Counsels.                                    | 32. Cupronickel coin of Botswana.         |
| 42. Possessive of "it."                          | 33. Winglike.                             |
| 43. Lick.                                        | 36. Prominent, successful person.         |
| 44. Class of enzymes.                            | 36. Contraction for "it is."              |
| 45. Mosquito.                                    | 37. Not new.                              |
| 46. Sharp, rugged mountain range.                | 38. Mesial plane dividing an animal body. |
| 48. Cute little girl.                            | 41. Herring.                              |
| 50. Bishop's vestment.                           | 45. Of the buttock muscles.               |
| 54. Rational parts of human souls.               | 47. Honked a horn.                        |
| 58. In addition.                                 | 49. Lisa __, "Stay" singer.               |
| 60. Fencing sword.                               | 51. Loom comblike attachments.            |
| 62. __ Frome, Edith Wharton novel.               | 52. Hebrew unit of dry measure.           |
| 63. Old sheep-marking tool.                      | 53. Pull fibers apart.                    |
| 64. Containing iron salts.                       | 55. Outer Mongolian people.               |
| 66. Bluish-black.                                | 56. Food consumer.                        |
| 67. Soft food made from hulled grain.            | 57. Skulk.                                |
| 68. Geographical region.                         | 58. Maura Tierney ER character.           |
| 69. Grounds surrounding a house.                 | 59. __ Falana, U.S. singer-actress.       |
| 70. Tribe or family patriarch.                   | 61. Elementary and high school.           |
| 71. Escapade.                                    | 65. Gab or chatter.                       |

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## CHEWY POPCORN BARS

- |   |                                            |   |                                 |
|---|--------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 2 | Mini-bags Smart Pop!                       | 1 | cup firmly packed brown sugar   |
| 2 | cups quick-cooking rolled oats             | 1 | cup honey                       |
| 1 | cup sweetened dried cranberries or raisins |   | Original No-Stick Cooking Spray |
| 1 | cup dry roasted peanut                     |   |                                 |

Directions:  
1. Preheat oven to 300° F.  
2. Pop popcorn according to directions on package (yields about 12 cups). Remove all unpopped kernels.  
3. Coat 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Pour popped corn into pan; top with oats, cranberries, and peanuts.  
4. Combine brown sugar and honey in medium saucepan. Cook on medium-high heat for 6 minutes, stirring

occasionally, or until mixture comes to full boil and sugar is dissolved. Pour syrup over popcorn mixture. Carefully toss using two large spoons until mixture is evenly coated with syrup.  
5. Bake 20 minutes stirring once midway through baking. Remove from oven; lightly press popcorn evenly in pan. Cool on rack about 2 hours or until set. Cut into 24 bars. Store leftovers in tightly sealed container.

### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

### DID YOU KNOW ??

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

### HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

## ADOPT A PET

The animal shelter has several cats and kittens that are spayed or neutered and front declawed.  
For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

2005 Pet and Dog Calendars (\$5) are on sale at the Avalanche. Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.  
Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
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## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 24, 2005

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| <br><b>CAPRICORN</b><br>December 22 - January 19<br>This week is all about love. Surprises await you at every corner. Enjoy them and have fun. A phone call enlightens you on an issue at home.     | <br><b>ARIES</b><br>March 21 - April 19<br>Cupid has his eye on you. Sparks fly and passion ignites. Live it up and don't look back. Travel is on the agenda. Choose your destination with care.    | <br><b>CANCER</b><br>June 22 - July 22<br>The results are in. Your painstaking diligence on a project pays off. Prattle comes from an unlikely source. Celebrate your success.                       | <br><b>LIBRA</b><br>September 23 - October 22<br>Stand back, Libra! A secret is about to be divulged. Give yourself some time to get used to the idea before you take action. An old flame drops by. |
| <br><b>AQUARIUS</b><br>January 20 - February 18<br>Feeling a little touchy, Aquarius? Don't worry. A little rest and relaxation over the weekend will have you back to your bubbly self in no time. | <br><b>TAURUS</b><br>April 20 - May 20<br>You're in rare form this week. Your performance at the office is dazzling and your ideas at home are a hit. You can tackle anything, no matter how tough. | <br><b>LEO</b><br>July 23 - August 22<br>You're in for some magical evenings this week. Old friends stop by and love itzies. A memo inspires you to a welcome height.                                | <br><b>SCORPIO</b><br>October 23 - November 21<br>Up for some fun, Scorpio? Adventure is headed your way. Let your hair down and take a walk on the wild side! You won't regret it.                  |
| <br><b>PISCES</b><br>February 19 - March 20<br>Watch out, Pisces. You're about to be outfoxed at the office. Don't let it happen again. Sit down, get organized and next time, you'll be ready.     | <br><b>GEMINI</b><br>May 21 - June 21<br>The gossip mill at the office is working overtime. Be careful what you say and take everything you hear with a grain of salt. A friend returns a favor.    | <br><b>VRGO</b><br>August 23 - September 22<br>Fate is on your side as an error turns out to be in your favor. Celebrate your good fortune with family and friends. An e-mail piques your curiosity. | <br><b>SAGITTARIUS</b><br>November 22 - December 21<br>Joy surrounds you this week. Opportunities abound and romances bloom. Your improvement project goes as planned. The results are stunning.     |

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week | Extended Forecast |    |      |                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                        |
|-----------|-------------------|----|------|------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Date      | H                 | L  | Snow | Thursday         | Friday       | Saturday         | Sunday           | Monday           | Tuesday                |
| 2/16      | 38                | 23 | 3    | High 23          | High 24      | High 22          | High 24          | High 28          | High 27                |
| 2/17      | 32                | 18 | 3    | Low 14           | Low 10       | Low 9            | Low 16           | Low 16           | Low 16                 |
| 2/18      | 19                | 7  | 4    | Few Snow Showers | Snow Showers | Few Snow Showers | Few Snow Showers | Few Snow Showers | Scattered Snow Showers |
| 2/19      | 16                | 5  | 5    |                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                        |
| 2/20      | 21                | 3  | 5    |                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                        |
| 2/21      | 25                | 7  | 9    |                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                        |
| 2/22      | 29                | 21 | 8    |                  |              |                  |                  |                  |                        |



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## Crawford County Avalanche

**FOR SALE** Large 10 acres, Barn-like building. King Road, Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-773-2514. (-10-17-24/1)

**NEWER RANCH HOME**, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, close to town, \$119,900, must sell. Make offer 989-348-1482 (-13-20-27-3-10-17-24-3/1)

**HISTORIC LANDMARK IN CITY**. History speaks for itself with this partially remodeled hotel/inn. 7 guest rooms have been tastefully remodeled & decorated and are ready for use, 7 more need to be remodeled. The restaurant and 3 lounges are ready for business, liquor license is included. There is potential to be seen around every corner. \$399,000 Listing # 235103. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

**WELL MAINTAINED HOME** with many amenities. Great 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home in quiet neighborhood. 2 garages with new doors and openers. Attached garage has upstairs and lots of storage. New wall furnace in living and family rooms, living room has new carpet, and wood-burner has new chimney. Kitchen has new tile and built-in microwave. Also includes new well pump and many other amenities, \$125,000. Lot adjacent is also available for \$20,000. Listing # 230989. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

**BEAUTIFUL HOME** on 3.81 acres. Large family home on 3.8 acres featuring 2,016 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 4 door-walls onto extensive decking. Tongue & groove knotty pine in kitchen and dining room, fireplace with built-in shelving, and master suite. 2-car attached garage and bonus 24' X 24' garage with upstairs storage. All newer windows except 2 door-walls. \$107,500 Listing # 235676. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

**VICTORIAN B & B**, 1880's 6 bedroom 4.5 bath Victorian home comes furnished with new kitchen, partial A/C, and flooring in 2004. It is currently being used as a Bed & Breakfast. It's atmosphere takes you back into the past as you enjoy ornately carved woodwork and staircase, leaded and beveled stained glass windows and 3 carved fireplaces with Danish tiles. This home still retains its original grandeur! \$525,000 Listing # 232028. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run golf course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$299,000

4 Bedroom home on 10 acres. Large two story 'A' frame home with floor to ceiling windows looking out on a beautiful wooded setting. Big detached garage and pole barn for all the toys. Private and secluded just five miles east of Grayling. \$189,000 #5273.

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| <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p>Exceptional 1,760 sq. ft. home on 4+ acres is definitely worth taking a look at! The kitchen is right out of a magazine. 32x40 garage. Don't forget about the full basement! Second story can be finished for additional living space...\$195,000 #5449</p>                                                                     | <p>With state land to the west, seclusion surrounds you at this cozy 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home only 3/10's mile from the AuSable River North Branch. Also features attached, insulated garage and storage for the snowmobiles. \$86,500 #5236</p>                                        | <p>There is a great up-north feel to this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home near Lake Margrethe. Knotty pine interior, all appliances, and a 2 car garage with storage at \$129,900.00. #5424</p>                                              |
| <p>90 Acres of land surrounds this quality built log sided home. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, drywall and knotty pine interior, covered porch, alarm system, pole barn, Michigan basement, and 1/2 gas generator for emergencies. Enjoy the hunting blinds, rye fields and thousands of acres of adjacent state land. \$339,000 #5357</p> | <p>A Slice of Heaven! Perfect for all year outdoor sports and hunting. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a walk-out basement has a 2 car garage with a 12x24 drive thru for your toys. Camping area has 2 water &amp; electric RV hook-ups, fire pit and 2 out houses. \$134,900 #5399</p>      | <p>Spacious, knock-out interior home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a HUGE fenced in back yard! Offers outside enjoyment, with tasteful landscaping, 2 decks and a fountain. Home includes a 1 year warranty plan. \$88,000 #5301</p> |
| <p>Wonderful home near Houghton Lake. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large dining room with a natural gas woodstove and French doors leading to the back deck. Master bedroom has private bath with jets and large closet. 2 car detached garage and a fenced in back yard. \$99,900 #5432</p>                                                                    | <p>Big Two Story A frame with 3 BR and Two baths. Gas log fireplace and floor to ceiling windows in the living room. Secluded and private. Hot tub included. Two Car detached garage with work shop. Pole Barn for the toys. Sit on a square ten acre parcel of land. \$189,000 #5273</p> | <p>4,720 SF Building 200' on West M-72<br/>1.78 Acres - AuSable River<br/>Formerly Cartwright &amp; Danewell</p>                                                                                                                    |

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| <p><b>LAKE MARGRETHE HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARE SANDY BEACH</b> Wet built 3 story chalet offers 2 separate levels that have kitchen, bath, living room and bedrooms. Perfect for entertaining. Beamed ceilings with pickled white wash. Ceramic tile in baths, black top circle driveway. All appliances. Extensive cedar decking. Mature red and white pines on the property. Property adjoins Bucktail park. Private boat slip #7 with dock. Picnics area with volleyball court and basketball. Private road. CS-2047 \$185,000</p> | <p><b>At RE/MAX, we know our markets, because that's where we - and our families - live. So when it's time to find that perfect home, you can count on us.</b></p>                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>FULL LOG CHALET WITH VIEWS/ACCESS TO BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE</b> This 1,260 sq. ft. 2BR, 2BA full log Chalet overlooking Lake Margrethe features cathedral ceilings, knotty pine T &amp; G ceiling. Catwalk to upper level balcony, 2 sliding glass doors, quality window treatments, central A/C, newer roof, appliances, guest area above garage, and price includes finished interior. CH-2069 \$169,000</p> |
| <p><b>165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.</b> Handyman special sits 50' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>We help more than 1 million families a year with their real estate needs. Chances are, we can help you, too.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>116' +/- FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER/10-ACRES.</b> Secluded buildable site on AuSable River, mixture of white pines and beautiful mature hardwoods, private road, property is on both sides of river (5 acres each) and across the road from state land. Great location for fishing and close to snowmobile trails. \$69,900 CH-2065</p>                                                                           |
| <p><b>CLEARED BUILDING SITE ADJOINING STATE LAND</b> Approx. property size 221x293 (1.48 acres), pines with mixture. Close to all recreational areas. Located in a nice development with club house for members only. CS-1904 \$9,500</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Whether you're looking to buy or looking to sell, look to the name you can trust: RE/MAX.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>LOTS 16-21, BLOCK 4 OF 4TH ADDITION PORTAGE LAKE PARK</b> Nice mixture of pines and hardwoods on flat terrain. Electricity and access road both on Eagle Point Road. Directions to Property: M-72 West to left on Eagle Point Road to right at RE/MAX sign on Beech Terrace CS-2045 \$4,900</p>                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>SNOWMOBILING &amp; HUNTING!</b> Home with 1100 square feet. New Berber carpet downstairs. New vinyl siding, windows, and floors in kitchen and bath also new roof on house. Kitchen offers oak cabinets, lazy susan and walk in pantry and stainless steel sink. Comes with all appliances. 160 acres of state land across the road. Close to snowmobile trails. CS-2034 \$59,900</p>                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HARDWOODS</b> This 1,000 sq. ft. 3BR, 2BA home is secluded among beautiful rolling hardwoods. Excellent price for this recreational property. Two-car detached garage, naturally landscaped yard, fronting blacktop street. CH-2066 \$89,900</p> | <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>DOUBLE LOT WITH 102' FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST</b> Ideal location and price on busy M-72 West with dual access at rear (Pine Point Rd.). This double lot includes a 2BR mobile home and a 10x12 storage building. Immediate occupancy. CH-2000 \$37,900</p>                                                                                                                                                          |

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**GRAYLING 2.5 ACRES** wooded near AuSable mainstream and state land. \$13,900 by owner. 348-7355 (-1/13/05tf/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** in Waters area. Lovely 2 bedroom 1 bath home. Pole barn, wooded 1 acre lot near state land. Price to sell \$79,900. Northwood Land Company 344-6093. (-24-3-10-17/1)

**AUTO GLASS** repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710 (1/6/05TF/1)

**CHARMING FULL-LOG CABIN** Charming 3 bedroom 1 bath log cabin with many updates, including ceramic tile and newer carpet. Close to ski park and easy-on, easy-off the expressway. 2-car garage with in and out access doors. \$69,900 Listing # 234862. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

**NICE HOME** on 10 acres built in 2001, 3 bedroom home with 1.5 baths, 5" well, attached garage that is drywalled and insulated. Located at the end of a private road on 10 wooded acres. Good hunting area. Woodstove not included. \$129,900 Listing # 236470. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

**RECENTLY REMODELED HOME** in country setting. Charming, well maintained home with 1,152 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a 30' X 40' insulated and heated detached garage. This recently remodeled home has many updates. Road maintenance is included in the tax bill. Situated close to the AuSable River, it adjoins thousands of acres of the Huron Forest property. \$97,500 Listing # 236061. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

**UPDATED HOME** on 32 acres. Hunters and snowmobilers paradise! 32 acres backing up to state land. 1,720 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement and detached garage. 3 season wrap-around porch and many recent updates, including: kitchen, roof, appliances and boiler. A very energy efficient home. \$225,000 Listing # 236329. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty (989) 348-6481. (-24/1)

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**LAKE HOME FOR RENT** Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large 2 car garage, plenty of room to store your toys, large lot and friendly neighbors. Kitchen appliances included. Close to snowmobile trails and Hanson Hills. \$800 per month plus security. No pets. Call 586-228-2874. (-20-27-3-10-17-24/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** for rent. \$400 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

**OFFICE SPACE**, individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395.00/month. 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (-27-3-10-17-24-3/2)

**ANTIQUE STORE FRONT**, rent free for the right prospects. For more information call: 989-348-8197. Ask for Linda. (-3-10-17-24/2)

**SMALL HOUSE, 2 BEDROOM**, 1 bath, near Lake Margrethe, no smoking, no pets, water included. \$425 per month. 989-348-6801(2/03/05tf/2)

**WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS** in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Whispering Pines is an elderly community. Residents must be 62 plus years of age (or handicapped or disabled of any age.) Rent is based on income. Barrier-free waiting list available. Please call 989-344-0020 for more information or an application. Equal housing opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-10-17-24/2)

**RENT REDUCED COMMERCIAL BUILDING** property on corner of 93 and 72 west, Grayling. Approximately 4,000 sq. ft. May separate. Call 989-348-8659, leave message. (2/17/05tf/2)

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**MOBILE HOME AND CABINS** at Lost Acres. Cute two bedroom mobile on large lot, \$375, plus \$400 security and utilities. 1 bedroom cabins for rent \$375, including utilities, plus \$200 security. Appliances in all. 30 wooded acres. 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, 3 miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free @ 877-277-6976. Sorry, no pets. (2/10/05tf/2)

**NICE CLEAN ONE BEDROOM** duplex. Indoor storage, water/sewer, lawncare, snowplowing, adult non-smoking unit. \$350, employment and rental refer. 808B Park St. 348-2178. (2/17/05tf/2)

**FOR RENT** small 2 bedroom house in quiet wooded area between Kalkaska & Grayling. \$500/month plus utilities. Call 231-275-6887. (-24/2)

**EFFICIENCY CABIN** newly remodeled. \$350/month, \$350 security deposit, \$50 cleaning fee. 1/2 mile from town, utilities not included. 989-348-5124 (-24/2)

**2 BEDROOM** older house in country between Grayling and Roscommon. References & security deposit. \$475/month. 989-275-4126 (-24-3/2)

**3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1,800 sq. ft. \$750.00/month, \$750.00 security-immediate occupancy. North Down River Rd., Grayling. 734-287-7768. (-10-17-24-3/2)

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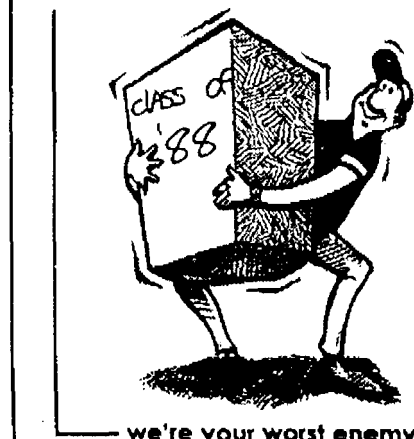
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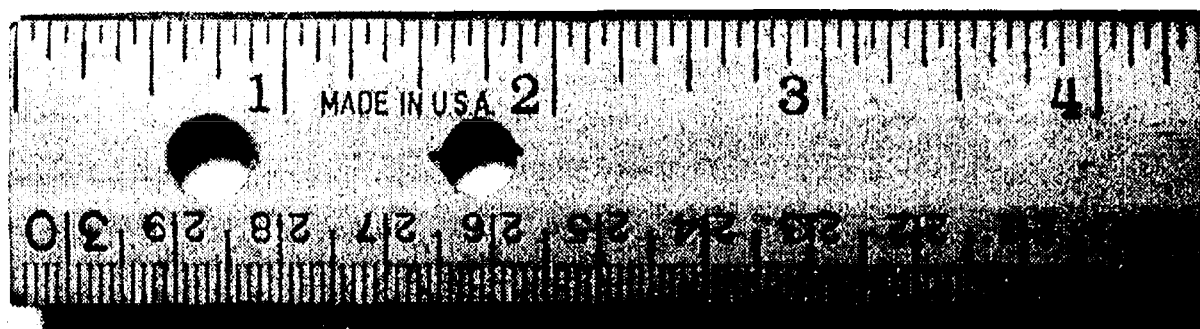
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# JV squad falls to Elks, Rams

## ■ Basketball team to end 2005 season on Friday, February 25

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team lost games at Elk Rapids and Harbor Springs last week.

On Friday, Grayling fell to the Elks at Elk Rapids by a final score of 54-41.

The Vikings trailed by five at halftime (27-22) and six after three quarters (34-28) but the

Elks pulled away in the fourth period.

"Defensively we played well enough to win. We had 46 deflections and 15 steals," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We were 9 for 24 from the free throw line and allowed them to shoot 27 free throws. Our team was in foul trouble the whole game. There is no doubt this game was won at the free throw line."

For Grayling, Doug Slater had a team-high 16 points, 10 deflections, and 4 steals. "Doug played an outstanding game," Coach

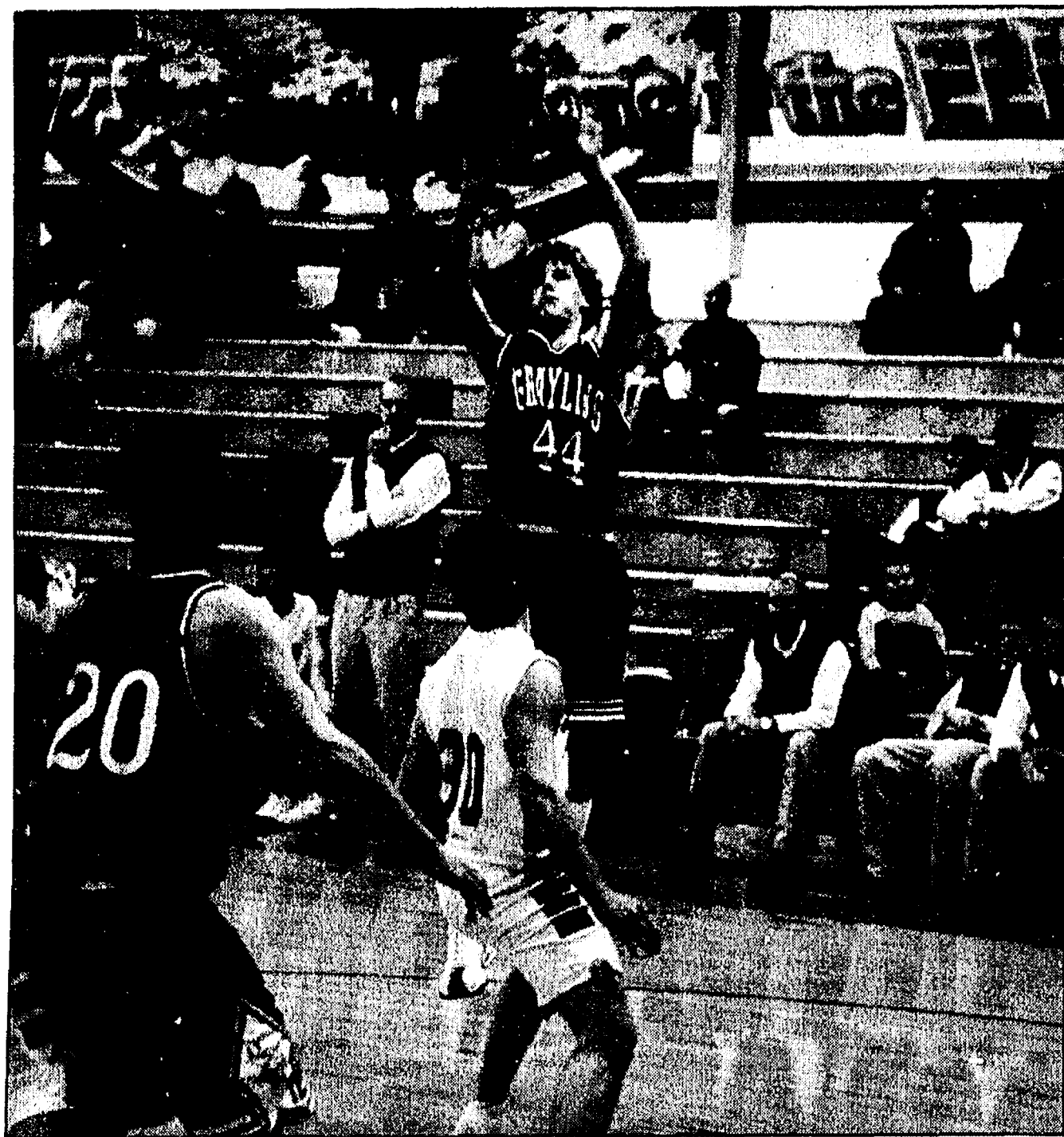
Kucharek said.

Patrick Belcher and Nick Parkinson scored 7 points each. Jeremiah Bootz had 10 deflections.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost 56-32 to the Rams at Harbor Springs.

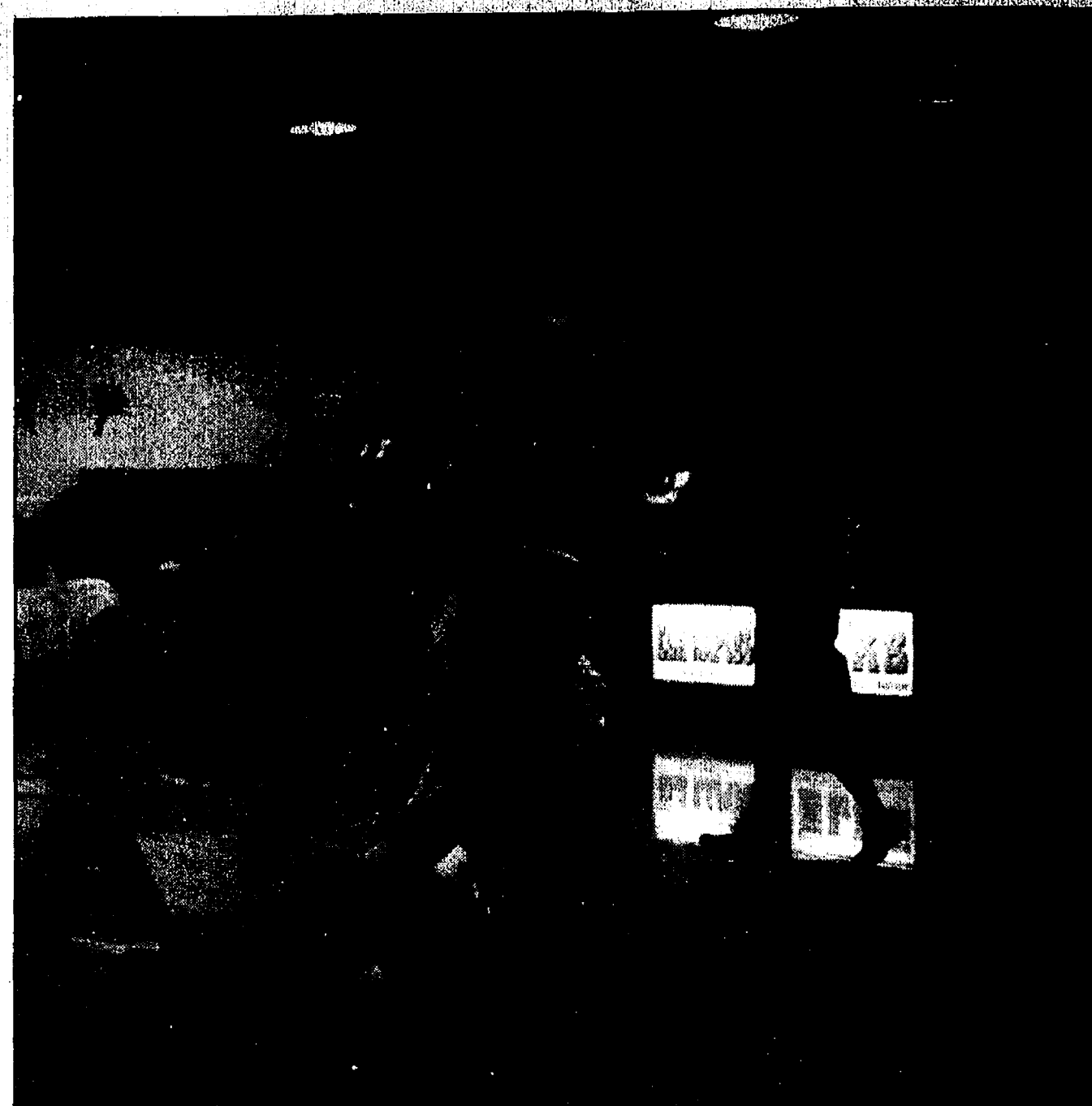
Jason Drudge scored 9 points for Grayling. Bootz added 7, Parkinson had 6, and Slater finished with 6.

The Vikings will finish their 2004-2005 season with a home game against Kalkaska on Friday, February 25.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Rocky McNamara takes a jump shot for Grayling in Friday night's JV boys basketball game at Elk Rapids.



Nick Parkinson shoots for the Vikings in Friday's JV game against the Elks of Elk Rapids.



Hank Abney boxes out on a rebound attempt at Elk Rapids.

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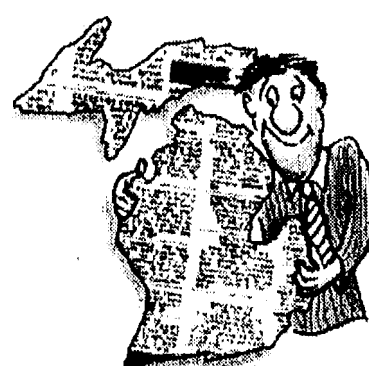
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